
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 183, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§183- Sustainable game management in areas of watershed
5 protection; collaboration with game management advisory
6 commission. The department shall work collaboratively with the
7 game management advisory commission established by section
8 183D-4.5 to develop and implement sustainable game management
9 practices and plans in areas assigned and associated with
10 watershed protection in accordance with powers and duties of the
11 department under section 183D-2."

12 SECTION 2. Section 171-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

14 "(e) Any new lease of water rights shall contain a
15 covenant that requires the lessee and the department of land and
16 natural resources to jointly develop and implement a watershed
17 management plan. The board shall not approve any new lease of



1 water rights without the foregoing covenant or a watershed
2 management plan. The board shall prescribe the minimum content
3 of a watershed management plan; provided that the watershed
4 management plan shall [~~require~~]:

5 (1) Require the prevention of the degradation of surface
6 water and ground water quality to the extent that
7 degradation can be avoided using reasonable management
8 practices[~~-~~]; and

9 (2) Be provided to the game management advisory commission
10 established by section 183D-4.5 prior to the board's
11 approval of the lease.

12 (f) Upon renewal, any lease of water rights shall contain
13 a covenant that requires the lessee and the department of land
14 and natural resources to jointly develop and implement a
15 watershed management plan. The board shall not renew any lease
16 of water rights without the foregoing covenant or a watershed
17 management plan. The board shall prescribe the minimum content
18 of a watershed management plan; provided that the watershed
19 management plan shall [~~require~~]:

20 (1) Require the prevention of the degradation of surface
21 water and ground water quality to the extent that



1 degradation can be avoided using reasonable management
2 practices[-]; and

3 (2) Be provided to the game management advisory commission
4 established by section 183D-4.5 prior to the board's
5 renewal of the lease."

6 SECTION 3. Section 183-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "§183-31 **Watershed areas.** The department of land and
9 natural resources shall determine, after public hearing held in
10 the same manner as provided in section 91-3, areas which are
11 watersheds[-]; provided that the determination shall require
12 prior notice to the game management advisory commission
13 established pursuant to section 183D-4.5.

14 The term "watershed" as used in this part means (1) an area
15 from which the domestic water supply of any city, town or
16 community is or may be obtained, or (2) an area where water
17 infiltrates into artesian or other ground-water areas from which
18 the domestic water supply of any city, town or community is or
19 may be obtained."



1 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DLNR; Game Management Advisory Commission; Watershed Management;
Sustainable Game Management

Description:

Requires DLNR to work collaboratively with the Game Management
Advisory Commission to develop and implement sustainable game
management practices in areas of watershed protection. Requires
BLNR to give prior notice to the Game Management Advisory
Commission prior to issuing or renewing a water rights lease.
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