
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that populations of game
2 mammals are growing throughout the State. Hunters are essential
3 partners in conservation efforts, helping to mitigate damage to
4 the environment that game mammals cause when they proliferate in
5 environments that they are not native to and in which they have
6 no predators. The legislature therefore finds that bag limits
7 on game mammals in public hunting areas should be lifted or no
8 longer be established.

9 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the department of
10 land and natural resources from establishing or implementing bag
11 limits on game mammals in public hunting areas.

12 SECTION 2. Section 183D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (a) read as follows:

14 "(a) For the purposes of preserving, protecting,
15 conserving, and propagating wildlife, the department shall
16 establish, maintain, manage, and operate game management areas,
17 wildlife sanctuaries, and public hunting areas on land under its



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1 control and, as it deems desirable, enter into agreements for
 2 taking control of privately owned lands for those purposes[-];
 3 provided that the department shall not establish or implement a
 4 bag limit for game mammals in public hunting areas."

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.
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Report Title:

Hunting; Game Mammals; Bag Limits; Public Hunting Areas

Description:

Prohibits DLNR from establishing or implementing bag limits for game mammals in public hunting areas.

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