
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 183D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§183D-2 Powers and duties of department. The department
4 shall:

- 5 (1) Manage and administer the wildlife and wildlife
6 resources of the State;
- 7 (2) Enforce all laws relating to the protecting, taking,
8 hunting, killing, propagating, or increasing the
9 wildlife within the State and the waters subject to
10 its jurisdiction;
- 11 (3) Recognize that game mammals and game birds are a
12 sustainable food source and that the State's unique
13 relationship with the ocean provides the opportunity
14 to integrate the local fish and game industry into the
15 State's food security profile;
- 16 (4) Establish and maintain fish and wildlife propagating
17 facility or facilities;



1 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Subject to the provisions of title 12, import
2 wildlife for the purpose of propagating and
3 disseminating the same in the State and the waters
4 subject to its jurisdiction;

5 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Distribute, free of charge, as the department
6 deems to be in the public interest, game for the
7 purpose of increasing the food supply of the State;
8 provided that when in the discretion of the department
9 the public interest will not be materially interfered
10 with by so doing, the department may propagate and
11 furnish wildlife to private parties, upon such
12 reasonable terms, conditions, and prices as the
13 department may determine;

14 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Ascertain, compile, and disseminate, free of
15 charge, information and advice as to the best methods
16 of protecting, propagating, and distributing wildlife
17 in the State and the waters subject to its
18 jurisdiction;

19 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Gather and compile information and statistics
20 concerning the area, location, character, and increase
21 and decrease of wildlife in the State;



1 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Gather and compile information concerning
2 wildlife recommended for release in different
3 localities, including the care and propagation of
4 wildlife for protective, productive, and aesthetic
5 purposes and other useful information, which the
6 department deems proper;

7 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) Have the power to manage and regulate all lands
8 which may be set apart as game management areas,
9 public hunting areas, and wildlife sanctuaries;

10 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) Pursuant to section 183D-65 of this chapter,
11 destroy predators deemed harmful to wildlife;

12 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) Formulate, and from time to time recommend to
13 the governor and legislature, such additional
14 legislation necessary or desirable to implement the
15 objectives of title 12; and

16 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Preserve, protect, and promote public hunting."

17 SECTION 2. (a) No later than July 1, 2021, each
18 department, office, or agency of the State shall update its
19 rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing
20 industries into any food security or sustainability strategies
21 that the department, office, or agency employs.



1 (b) The rules and policies updated pursuant to subsection
 2 (a) shall incorporate the policy goal of preserving, protecting,
 3 and promoting the State's hunting and fishing industries, and
 4 cultural practices, to nurture these industries and practices
 5 into viable and sustainable economic, nutritional, and cultural
 6 resources.

7 SECTION 3. The head of each principal department of the
 8 State shall submit to the legislature a report on the progress
 9 of that department and any agency administratively attached to
 10 that department in implementing section 1 of this Act, no later
 11 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions
 12 of 2021 and 2022. The report shall include the department's
 13 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
 14 legislation.

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

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

State Departments; DLNR; Gaming and Fishing Resources; Conservation; Sustainability; Food Security; Rules and Procedures; Report

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to: (1) recognize that game mammals and game birds are a sustainable food source and that the State's unique relationship with the ocean provides the opportunity to integrate the local fish and game industry into the State's food security profile; and (2) establish and maintain fish propagating facilities. Requires each department, office, or agency of the state to update its rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food security or sustainability strategies that department, office, or agency employs. Requires reports to Legislature.

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