
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:

12 (A) Game mammals and game birds provide a sustainable
13 food source and play a role in native Hawaiian
14 traditional and customary practices and that
15 striking the right balance between the management
16 of game mammal and game bird populations and
17 sustainability of their natural habitats to



1 reduce negative impacts to important watershed
2 areas is a priority; and
3 (B) The State's unique relationship with the ocean
4 requires careful consideration and management of
5 land and ocean activities that prioritize the
6 public trust responsibilities of the State,
7 including the conservation of natural resources
8 for future generations and the protection of
9 native Hawaiian traditional and customary
10 practices pursuant to article XI, section 1 and
11 article XII, section 7, of the Hawaii State
12 Constitution;
13 (4) Establish and maintain wildlife propagating facility
14 or facilities;
15 ~~(4)~~ (5) Subject to the provisions of title 12, import
16 wildlife for the purpose of propagating and
17 disseminating the same in the State and the waters
18 subject to its jurisdiction;
19 ~~(5)~~ (6) Distribute, free of charge, as the department
20 deems to be in the public interest, game for the
21 purpose of increasing the food supply of the State;



1 provided that when in the discretion of the department
2 the public interest will not be materially interfered
3 with by so doing, the department may propagate and
4 furnish wildlife to private parties, upon [~~such~~]
5 reasonable terms, conditions, and prices as the
6 department may determine;

7 [~~(6)~~] (7) Ascertain, compile, and disseminate, free of
8 charge, information and advice as to the best methods
9 of protecting, propagating, and distributing wildlife
10 in the State and the waters subject to its
11 jurisdiction;

12 [~~(7)~~] (8) Gather and compile information and statistics
13 concerning the area, location, character, and increase
14 and decrease of wildlife in the State;

15 [~~(8)~~] (9) Gather and compile information concerning
16 wildlife recommended for release in different
17 localities, including the care and propagation of
18 wildlife for protective, productive, and aesthetic
19 purposes and other useful information[~~, which~~] that
20 the department deems proper;



1 [~~(9)~~] (10) Have the power to manage and regulate all lands
2 [~~which~~] that may be set apart as game management
3 areas, public hunting areas, and wildlife sanctuaries;

4 [~~(10)~~] (11) Pursuant to section 183D-65 of this chapter,
5 destroy predators deemed harmful to wildlife;

6 [~~(11)~~] (12) Formulate, and from time to time recommend to
7 the governor and legislature, [~~such~~] additional
8 legislation necessary or desirable to implement the
9 objectives of title 12; and

10 [~~(12)~~] (13) Preserve, protect, and promote public hunting."

11 SECTION 2. (a) No later than July 1, 2022, each
12 department, office, or agency of the State shall update its
13 rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing
14 industries into any food security or sustainability strategies
15 that the department, office, or agency employs.

16 (b) The updated rules and policies shall be consistent
17 with section 183D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

18 SECTION 3. The head of each principal department of the
19 State shall submit to the legislature a report on the progress
20 of that department and any agency administratively attached to
21 that department in implementing section 2 of this Act, no later



1 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions
2 of 2021 and 2022. The report shall include the department's
3 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
4 legislation.

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

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.



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 recognize that game mammals and game birds provide a food source and play a role in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices and that striking the right balance between the management of game mammal and game bird populations and sustainability of their natural habitats to reduce negative impacts to important watershed areas is a priority and that the State's unique relationship with the ocean requires careful consideration and management of land and ocean activities that prioritize the public trust responsibilities of the State. 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 the legislature. Effective 7/1/2051. (HD1)

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