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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GAME BIRD HUNTING IN THE MAUNA KEA WATERSHED.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that within the Mauna Kea
2 conservation district live a number of rare, threatened, or
3 endangered plants, animals, and arthropods found nowhere else on
4 the planet. Among those protected birds are the palila
5 (*Loxioides bailleui*). Approximately ninety-six per cent of the
6 entire palila population lives on the southwestern slope of
7 Mauna Kea where the widest and most intact belt of māmane forest
8 exists. Palila survival relies on the māmane-naio forest
9 itself.

10 The Endangered Species Act of 1973 protects palila by
11 prohibiting the "unlawful taking" of these birds. The
12 legislature finds that unlawful taking includes causing injury
13 to, or the death of the palila whether with intent or
14 negligence. In order to prevent the accidental harm to palila,
15 the type of firearms and ammunition used in the hunting of game
16 birds, in the palila's habitat on Mauna Kea, must be restricted.



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1 The purpose of this Act is to require that game bird
2 hunters who use firearms for hunting may only use single shot
3 long guns or rifles while hunting in the palila's protected area
4 of the Mauna Kea watershed.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
7 and to read as follows:

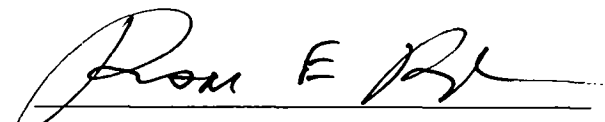


8 "§183D- Mauna Kea watershed; firearms and ammunition
9 restrictions. No person hunting within the area comprising
10 lands known or referred to as the Mauna Kea conservation
11 district, Mauna Kea watershed, the southwestern slopes of Mauna
12 Kea, or any hunting area within one hundred meters in or around
13 the base of Mauna Kea shall use or cause to be used a firearm
14 other than a single shot long gun or rifle in the hunting of
15 game birds. The applicable area of this prohibition
16 specifically includes the Kaohe game management and restoration
17 area."

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Game Bird Hunting; Palila; Single Shot Firearms; Mauna Kea Watershed; Endangered Species; Prohibition

Description:

Prohibits the use of firearms other than single shot long guns and rifles for the hunting of game birds in the Mauna Kea watershed and nearby hunting area.

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