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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE TO COMPLETE THE
HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN FOR PU'U WA'AWA'A AND PU'U ANAHULU
BY 2022.

1 WHEREAS, section 183D-2(12), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 provides that the Department of Land and Natural Resources shall
3 "[p]reserve, protect, and promote public hunting"; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
6 Division of Forestry and Wildlife, is responsible for managing
7 and protecting native ecosystems as well as providing hunting
8 opportunities to the community; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Division of Forestry and Wildlife is
11 responsible for game management at Pu'u Wa'awa'a and Pu'u Anahulu,
12 the two most popular game mammal hunting areas on Hawaii island;
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15 WHEREAS, the Division of Forestry and Wildlife has been
16 working on a habitat conservation plan for Pu'u Wa'awa'a and Pu'u
17 Anahulu; and
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19 WHEREAS, the habitat conservation plan covers about one
20 hundred and four thousand acres (project area); and
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22 WHEREAS, the project area contains sixteen endangered
23 species: fifteen species of plant and one insect; and
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25 WHEREAS, the intent of the habitat conservation plan, in
26 addition to protecting and mitigating impacts to endangered
27 species, is to also provide for sustained yield game management
28 activities designed to preserve, protect, and promote hunting
29 within the project area; and
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31 WHEREAS, sustained yield game management ensures a viable
32 game species population through science, monitoring, and
33 regulation as a public resource; and
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1 WHEREAS, deregulated public hunting should not be
 2 considered a sustained yield game management plan at Pu'u Wa'awa'a
 3 and Pu'u Anahulu; and
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5 WHEREAS, ensuring the existence of game animals population
 6 through science, monitoring, and regulation as a public resource
 7 is beneficial to preventing certain threats to native and
 8 endangered species in the project areas; and
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10 WHEREAS, the habitat conservation plan with its broad base
 11 intent of protecting and mitigating impacts to endangered
 12 species and to provide for sustained yield game management has
 13 been an ongoing project since 2003 when surveys were conducted
 14 across the project area; and
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16 WHEREAS, since 2003, there has been a great deal of work
 17 expended on the habitat conservation plan; and
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19 WHEREAS, approximately \$3,593,900 has already been spent on
 20 habitat conservation plan activities; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
 23 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the
 24 Division of Forestry and Wildlife is urged to complete the
 25 habitat conservation plan for Pu'u Wa'awa'a and Pu'u Anahulu by
 26 2022; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 29 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 30 Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY: 





