



GOV. MSG. NO. 1430

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 12, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 12, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB3179 SD2 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES.  
**ACT 301**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022  
STATE OF HAWAII

**S.B. NO.** 3179  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the overpopulation  
2 of axis deer poses a significant threat to the ecological  
3 security and the health of local communities on several islands,  
4 especially in Maui county. Axis deer overpopulation and drought  
5 conditions on Maui, Molokai, and Lanai have led to large numbers  
6 of widespread axis deer, which in turn has created a nuisance  
7 and threat to the local community.

8           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
9 land and natural resources' division of forestry and wildlife to  
10 adopt rules and issue funds to licensed hunters at a per unit  
11 rate.

12           SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural  
13 resources' division of forestry and wildlife shall adopt rules  
14 pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for feral axis  
15 deer herd management. The rules shall:

- 16           (1) Establish the lands on which licensed hunters may  
17                       operate for the hunting of feral axis deer in  
18                       cooperation with private land owners;



- 1 (2) Provide that only female feral axis deer may be
- 2 hunted;
- 3 (3) Require the entire carcass of a feral axis deer to be
- 4 submitted to the division by licensed hunters;
- 5 (4) Establish the per unit rate to be claimed by a hunter
- 6 for submission of a feral axis deer;
- 7 (5) Establish bag limits for hunters to claim per unit
- 8 rates;
- 9 (6) Establish time periods in which licensed hunters of
- 10 feral axis deer may operate; and
- 11 (7) Establish any other parameters the division may deem
- 12 necessary to carry out this section.

13 (b) The department of land and natural resources' division  
14 of forestry and wildlife shall issue funds to licensed hunters  
15 at a per unit rate as determined by the division pursuant to  
16 subsection (a).

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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APPROVED this 12th day of July, 2022


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish under the name.


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 3, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 3179, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 3, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives