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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;



(2) Provide that only female feral axis deer may be  
hunted;

(3) Require the entire carcass of a feral axis deer to be  
submitted to the division by licensed hunters;

(4) Establish the per unit rate to be claimed by a hunter  
for submission of a feral axis deer;

(5) Establish bag limits for hunters to claim per unit  
rates;

(6) Establish time periods in which licensed hunters of  
feral axis deer may operate; and

(7) Establish any other parameters the division may deem  
necessary to carry out this section.

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

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



**Report Title:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Maui County; Axis Deer  
Herd Population Management; Rules

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division  
of Forestry and Wildlife to adopt rules and issue funds to  
licensed hunters at a per unit rate for feral axis deer herd  
management. (CD1)

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