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# 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 an important role in native  
14       Hawaiian traditional and customary practices and  
15       that striking the proper balance between the  
16       management of game mammal and game bird  
17       populations and sustainability of their natural



1           habitats to reduce negative impacts to important  
2           watersheds areas is a priority;

3           (B) Game mammals and game birds provide a sustainable  
4           food resource that require quality habitat with  
5           sufficient food, water, and refuge to support  
6           viable populations sufficient for hunting, and  
7           game populations should be managed to reduce  
8           impacts and provide benefits in reducing grass  
9           fire fuel and weed control to important watershed  
10          areas and native habitat, as well as to provide  
11          for native Hawaiian traditional and customary  
12          practice and the resources those practices rely  
13          upon; and

14          (C) The State's unique relationship with the ocean  
15          requires careful consideration and management of  
16          land and ocean activities that prioritize the  
17          public trust responsibilities of the State,  
18          including the conservation of natural resources  
19          for future generations and the protection of  
20          native Hawaiian traditional and customary  
21          practices pursuant to article XI, section 1, and



1                    article XII, section 7, of the Hawaii State  
2                    Constitution;

3            (4)    Establish and maintain wildlife propagating facility  
4                    or facilities;

5            [~~(4)~~] (5)    Subject to the provisions of title 12, import  
6                    wildlife for the purpose of propagating and  
7                    disseminating the same in the State and the waters  
8                    subject to its jurisdiction;

9            [~~(5)~~] (6)    Distribute, free of charge, as the department  
10                    deems to be in the public interest, game for the  
11                    purpose of increasing the food supply of the State;  
12                    provided that when in the discretion of the department  
13                    the public interest will not be materially interfered  
14                    with by so doing, the department may propagate and  
15                    furnish wildlife to private parties, upon such  
16                    reasonable terms, conditions, and prices as the  
17                    department may determine;

18            [~~(6)~~] (7)    Ascertain, compile, and disseminate, free of  
19                    charge, information and advice as to the best methods  
20                    of protecting, propagating, and distributing wildlife



1 in the State and the waters subject to its  
2 jurisdiction;

3 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Gather and compile information and statistics  
4 concerning the area, location, character, and increase  
5 and decrease of wildlife in the State;

6 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Gather and compile information concerning  
7 wildlife recommended for release in different  
8 localities, including the care and propagation of  
9 wildlife for protective, productive, and aesthetic  
10 purposes and other useful information, which the  
11 department deems proper;

12 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) Have the power to manage and regulate all lands  
13 which may be set apart as game management areas,  
14 public hunting areas, and wildlife sanctuaries;

15 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) Pursuant to section 183D-65 of this chapter,  
16 destroy predators deemed harmful to wildlife;

17 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) Formulate, and from time to time recommend to  
18 the governor and legislature, such additional  
19 legislation necessary or desirable to implement the  
20 objectives of title 12; and

21 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Preserve, protect, and promote public hunting."



1       SECTION 2. (a) No later than July 1, 2023, each  
2 department, office, or agency of the State shall update its  
3 rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing  
4 industries into any food security or sustainability strategies  
5 that the department, office, or agency employs.

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

8       SECTION 3. The head of each principal department of the  
9 State shall submit to the legislature a report on the progress  
10 of that department and any agency administratively attached to  
11 that department in implementing section 2 of this Act, no later  
12 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions  
13 of 2023 and 2024. The report shall include the department's  
14 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
15 legislation.

16       SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



**Report Title:**

State Departments; Department of Land and Natural Resources; 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 sustainable food source and play a role in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, merit quality habitat, and should be managed to reduce impacts and provide benefits in reducing grass fire fuel and weed control to important watershed areas and native habitat; sustainability of natural habitats reduces negative impacts to important watershed areas; 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.

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