
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 183D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§183D-2 Powers and duties of department. The department shall:

(1) Manage and administer the wildlife and wildlife resources of the State;

(2) Enforce all laws relating to the protecting, taking, hunting, killing, propagating, or increasing the wildlife within the State and the waters subject to its jurisdiction;

(3) Recognize that:

(A) Game mammals and game birds provide a sustainable food source; provided that negative impacts to the environment are sufficiently minimized or offset through native ecosystem protections that merit quality habitats with sufficient food,



1 water, and refuge to support viable populations
2 sufficient for hunting;

3 (B) Proper management of game populations in
4 appropriate areas minimizes or reduces impacts to
5 agriculture, important watershed areas, and
6 native habitats, and provides benefits such as
7 reducing grass fire fuel and weed control to
8 important watershed areas; and

9 (C) The State's unique relationship with the ocean
10 requires careful consideration and management of
11 land and ocean activities that prioritize the
12 public trust responsibilities of the State,
13 including the conservation of natural resources
14 for future generations and the protection of
15 native Hawaiian traditional and customary
16 practices pursuant to article XI, section 1, and
17 article XII, section 7, of the Hawaii State
18 Constitution;

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



1 [~~(4)~~] (5) Subject to the provisions of title 12, import
2 wildlife for the purpose of propagating and
3 disseminating the same in the State and the waters
4 subject to its jurisdiction;

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

14 [~~(6)~~] (7) Ascertain, compile, and disseminate, free of
15 charge, information and advice as to the best methods
16 of protecting, propagating, and distributing wildlife
17 in the State and the waters subject to its
18 jurisdiction;

19 [~~(7)~~] (8) Gather and compile information and statistics
20 concerning the area, location, character, and increase
21 and decrease of wildlife in the State;



1 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Gather and compile information concerning
2 wildlife recommended for release in different
3 localities, including the care and propagation of
4 wildlife for protective, productive, and aesthetic
5 purposes and other useful information, which the
6 department deems proper;

7 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) Have the power to manage and regulate all lands
8 which may be set apart as game management areas,
9 public hunting areas, and wildlife sanctuaries;

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

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

16 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Preserve, protect, and promote public hunting."

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



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

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

11 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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, provided that negative impacts to the environment are sufficiently minimized or offset through native ecosystem protections that merit quality habitats with sufficient food, water, and refuge to support viable populations sufficient for hunting; to properly manage game populations in appropriate areas to minimize impacts on agriculture, important watershed areas, and native habitats, and to provide benefits such as reducing grass fire fuel and weed control 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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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