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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, managed in  
13               appropriate areas, can provide sustainable food  
14               sources that merit quality habitats having  
15               sufficient food, water, and refuge to support  
16               viable populations sufficient for hunting;  
17               provided that negative impacts to the environment



1           are sufficiently minimized or offset through  
2           native ecosystem protections;

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          ~~[-3-]~~ (4) Establish and maintain wildlife propagating  
20          facility 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; DLNR; 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, managed in appropriate areas, can provide sustainable food sources that merit quality habitats with sufficient food, water, and refuge to support viable populations sufficient for hunting; provided that negative impacts to the environment are sufficiently minimized or offset through native ecosystem protections; that proper management of game populations in appropriate areas minimizes or reduces impacts to agriculture, important watershed areas, and native habitats, and provides certain benefits; 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. (SD2)

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