

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3299
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3299, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a policy guideline for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to balance hunting with the management of healthy ecosystems.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to recognize that:
 - (A) Game mammals and game birds provide a sustainable food source; provided that certain negative impacts on the environment are sufficiently minimized or offset;
 - (B) Proper management of game populations can minimize or reduce negative impacts to agriculture, watersheds, and native habitats; and
 - (C) 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;

- (2) Requires state agencies to update agency rules and policies to integrate local hunting and fishing industries into the agency's food security or sustainability strategies; and
- (3) Requires reports to the Legislature.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission, Hawaii Forest Industry Association, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Firearms Coalition, and nine individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Good Shepherd Foundation.

Your Committee finds that it is important to balance the management of game populations with the sustainability of their natural habitats to minimize the potential negative impacts of these populations on critical watersheds.


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Land and Natural Resources recognizes that game mammals and game birds, managed in appropriate areas, can provide sustainable food sources that merit quality habitats having sufficient food, water, and refuge to support viable populations sufficient for hunting; provided that negative impacts to the environmentally are sufficiently minimized or offset through native ecosystem protections; and
- (2) Making a technical nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of consistency.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3299, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3299, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

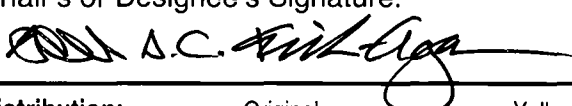


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SB 3299, SD1	WTL/AEN, WAM	3/2/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			
Recommendation:				
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