
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 2022, the State
2 received over \$10,000,000 in federal money from the Wildlife and
3 Sport Fish Restoration program, also known as the Pittman-
4 Robertson Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux program. The purpose of
5 the funds is to support sustainable fishing and hunting and
6 wildlife conservation throughout the Hawaiian islands. The
7 legislature further finds that in order to better support local
8 fishers, oversight of the funds' expenditures is needed.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
10 department of land and natural resources' division of aquatic
11 resources to submit an annual report to the legislature,
12 beginning in 2025, summarizing the division's expenditure of
13 funds received from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
14 program for the preceding year.

15 SECTION 2. Section 187A-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:



1 "**§187A-9 Federal aid in sport fish restoration.** (a) The
2 State hereby assents to the provisions of the Federal Aid in
3 Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux) Act (64
4 Stat. 430, 16 U.S.C. §777), as amended. The department shall
5 perform those acts as may be necessary to the conduct and
6 establishment of cooperative aquatic life restoration,
7 management, development, aquatic education, and recreational
8 boating access projects, as defined in the Act of Congress and
9 in compliance with the Act and regulations adopted by the
10 Secretary of the Interior thereunder; provided that federal aid
11 funds granted under the Act shall be used for the purposes of
12 approved projects, and no funds accruing to the State from
13 license fees paid by sport fishers, including any interest,
14 dividend, or other income earned from the license fees, shall be
15 diverted for any purpose other than as provided for in the Act
16 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

17 (b) The division of aquatic resources shall submit an
18 annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
19 to the convening of the regular session of 2025 and each regular
20 session thereafter summarizing the division's expenditure of
21 funds received from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration



1 program for the preceding year and providing the recipient and
2 purpose of each expenditure."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DLNR; Aquatic Resources Division; Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program; Federal Funding; Reports

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Aquatic Resources to submit an annual report to the Legislature, beginning in 2025, summarizing the Division's expenditure of funds received from the federal Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program for the preceding year and providing the recipient and purpose of each expenditure. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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