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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 can provide a  
13           sustainable food source when properly managed in  
14           appropriate areas that minimize their impacts to  
15           important watershed areas and functions as well  
16           as to native Hawaiian traditional and customary



1           practices and the resources those practices rely  
2           upon; and

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

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

15           [+4+] (5) Subject to the provisions of title 12, import  
16           wildlife for the purpose of propagating and  
17           disseminating the same in the State and the waters  
18           subject to its jurisdiction;

19           [+5+] (6) Distribute, free of charge, as the department  
20           deems to be in the public interest, game for the  
21           purpose of increasing the food supply of the State;



1 provided that when in the discretion of the department  
2 the public interest will not be materially interfered  
3 with by so doing, the department may propagate and  
4 furnish wildlife to private parties, upon [~~such~~]  
5 reasonable terms, conditions, and prices as the  
6 department may determine;

7 [~~(6)~~] (7) Ascertain, compile, and disseminate, free of  
8 charge, information and advice as to the best methods  
9 of protecting, propagating, and distributing wildlife  
10 in the State and the waters subject to its  
11 jurisdiction;

12 [~~(7)~~] (8) Gather and compile information and statistics  
13 concerning the area, location, character, and increase  
14 and decrease of wildlife in the State;

15 [~~(8)~~] (9) Gather and compile information concerning  
16 wildlife recommended for release in different  
17 localities, including the care and propagation of  
18 wildlife for protective, productive, and aesthetic  
19 purposes and other useful information[~~, which~~] that  
20 the department deems proper;



- 1        [~~(9)~~] (10) Have the power to manage and regulate all lands
- 2                    [~~which~~] that may be set apart as game management
- 3                    areas, public hunting areas, and wildlife sanctuaries;
- 4        [~~(10)~~] (11) Pursuant to section 183D-65 of this chapter,
- 5                    destroy predators deemed harmful to wildlife;
- 6        [~~(11)~~] (12) Formulate, and from time to time recommend to
- 7                    the governor and legislature, [~~such~~] additional
- 8                    legislation necessary or desirable to implement the
- 9                    objectives of title 12; and
- 10        [~~(12)~~] (13) Preserve, protect, and promote public hunting."

11            SECTION 2. (a) No later than July 1, 2022, each

12 department, office, or agency of the State shall update its

13 rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing

14 industries into any food security or sustainability strategies

15 that the department, office, or agency employs.

16            (b) The updated rules and policies shall be consistent

17 with section 183D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

18            SECTION 3. The head of each principal department of the

19 State shall submit to the legislature a report on the progress

20 of that department and any agency administratively attached to

21 that department in implementing section 2 of this Act, no later



1 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions  
2 of 2021 and 2022. The report shall include the department's  
3 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
4 legislation.

5 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 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 can provide a sustainable food source when properly managed in appropriate areas that minimize their impacts to important watershed areas and functions as well as to native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices and the resources those practices rely upon, and that the State's unique relationship with the ocean requires a careful consideration and management of land and ocean activities that prioritize the public trust responsibilities of the State, including but not limited to the conservation of natural resources for future generations and the protection of native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices pursuant to article XI, section 1 and article XII, section 7, of the Hawaii State Constitution. 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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