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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STRIVE TO EXPEND THE STATE OF HAWAII'S FULL ALLOTMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS.

1           WHEREAS, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of  
2 September 2, 1937, provides federal aid to states for management  
3 and restoration of wildlife, hunter education, and shooting  
4 range development; and

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6           WHEREAS, the federal Pittman Robertson Wildlife Restoration  
7 Act of September 2, 1937 assesses a ten per cent tax on  
8 handguns, pistols, revolvers, and ammunition, an eleven per cent  
9 tax on bows and archery equipment, and a twelve and four-tenths  
10 per cent tax on arrow components that are appropriated to the  
11 United States Secretary of the Interior and apportioned to  
12 states on a formula basis for paying up to seventy-five per cent  
13 of the cost of approved projects including acquisition and  
14 improvement of wildlife habitat, introduction of wildlife into  
15 suitable habitat, research into wildlife problems, surveys and  
16 inventories of wildlife problems, acquisition and development of  
17 access facilities for public use, and hunter education programs  
18 as supported in the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
19 Recreational Renaissance proposal, including construction and  
20 operation of public target ranges; and

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22           WHEREAS, state matching funds are available through in-kind  
23 service projects including the valuation of time donated by  
24 volunteer instructors in the hunter safety program, for example,  
25 and by other means; and

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27           WHEREAS, each year, the State of Hawaii does not use its  
28 full allotment of federal funding from the Federal Aid in  
29 Wildlife Restoration Act resulting in the unused funds being  
30 returned to the federal government for use in other programs;  
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33           WHEREAS, there are many potential projects in the State  
34 that qualify for use of the federal funds described above; and



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2 WHEREAS, for instance, the development of a public target  
3 range on the island of Hawaii has wide-ranging community support  
4 and is needed; and

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6 WHEREAS, using the federal funds allotted to the State  
7 would be a needed economic boost for the State; now, therefore,

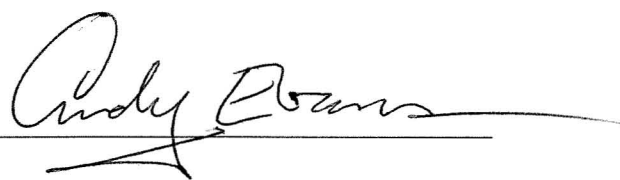
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2009, that the Governor and the Chairperson of the Board of  
12 Land and Natural Resources are respectfully requested to strive  
13 to expend the full allotment of Federal Aid in Wildlife  
14 Restoration Act funds; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
17 Land and Natural Resources is requested to consider the  
18 development of a shooting range on the island of Hawaii; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
21 Land and Natural Resources is requested to submit a report of  
22 all funds made available to the State through the use of the  
23 Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act to this body not later  
24 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
25 of 2010; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Chairperson of  
29 the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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OFFERED BY: 

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