
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 game mammals and game birds can provide
12 a sustainable food source when properly managed in
13 appropriate areas that minimize their impacts to
14 important watershed areas and functions as well as to
15 native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices
16 and the resources those practices rely upon, and that
17 the State's unique relationship with the ocean



1 requires a careful consideration and management of
 2 land and ocean activities that prioritize the public
 3 trust responsibilities of the State, including but not
 4 limited to the conservation of natural resources for
 5 future generations and the protection of native
 6 Hawaiian traditional and customary practices pursuant
 7 to article XI, section 1 and article XII, section 7,
 8 of the Hawaii State Constitution;

9 (4) Establish and maintain wildlife propagating facility
 10 or facilities;

11 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Subject to the provisions of title 12, import
 12 wildlife for the purpose of propagating and
 13 disseminating the same in the State and the waters
 14 subject to its jurisdiction;

15 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Distribute, free of charge, as the department
 16 deems to be in the public interest, game for the
 17 purpose of increasing the food supply of the State;
 18 provided that when in the discretion of the department
 19 the public interest will not be materially interfered
 20 with by so doing, the department may propagate and
 21 furnish wildlife to private parties, upon such



1 reasonable terms, conditions, and prices as the
2 department may determine;

3 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Ascertain, compile, and disseminate, free of
4 charge, information and advice as to the best methods
5 of protecting, propagating, and distributing wildlife
6 in the State and the waters subject to its
7 jurisdiction;

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

11 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Gather and compile information concerning
12 wildlife recommended for release in different
13 localities, including the care and propagation of
14 wildlife for protective, productive, and aesthetic
15 purposes and other useful information, which the
16 department deems proper;

17 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) Have the power to manage and regulate all lands
18 which may be set apart as game management areas,
19 public hunting areas, and wildlife sanctuaries;

20 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) Pursuant to section 183D-65 of this chapter,
21 destroy predators deemed harmful to wildlife;



1 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) Formulate, and from time to time recommend to
2 the governor and legislature, such additional
3 legislation necessary or desirable to implement the
4 objectives of title 12; and

5 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Preserve, protect, and promote public hunting."

6 SECTION 2. (a) No later than July 1, 2022, each
7 department, office, or agency of the State shall update its
8 rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing
9 industries into any food security or sustainability strategies
10 that the department, office, or agency employs.

11 (b) The rules and policies shall be updated pursuant to
12 section 183D-2.

13 SECTION 3. The head of each principal department of the
14 State shall submit to the legislature a report on the progress
15 of that department and any agency administratively attached to
16 that department in implementing section 1 of this Act, no later
17 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions
18 of 2021 and 2022. The report shall include the department's
19 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
20 legislation.



1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

State Departments; DLNR; Gaming and Fishing Resources; Conservation; Sustainability; Food Security; Rules and Procedures; Report

Description:

Recognizes 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. (SD1)

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