
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 provide a sustainable
13 food source that merits high-quality habitats
14 with sufficient food, water, and refuge to
15 support viable populations sufficient for
16 hunting;



1 (B) Proper management of game populations in
2 appropriate areas minimizes their impacts and
3 provides benefits, such as the reduction of grass
4 fire fuel and weed control to important watershed
5 areas; and

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

16 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Establish and maintain wildlife propagating
17 facility or facilities;

18 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Subject to the provisions of title 12, import
19 wildlife for the purpose of propagating and
20 disseminating the same in the State and the waters
21 subject to its jurisdiction;

- 1 [~~5~~] (6) Distribute, free of charge, as the department
2 deems to be in the public interest, game for the
3 purpose of increasing the food supply of the State;
4 provided that when in the discretion of the department
5 the public interest will not be materially interfered
6 with by so doing, the department may propagate and
7 furnish wildlife to private parties, upon such
8 reasonable terms, conditions, and prices as the
9 department may determine;
- 10 [~~6~~] (7) Ascertain, compile, and disseminate, free of
11 charge, information and advice as to the best methods
12 of protecting, propagating, and distributing wildlife
13 in the State and the waters subject to its
14 jurisdiction;
- 15 [~~7~~] (8) Gather and compile information and statistics
16 concerning the area, location, character, and increase
17 and decrease of wildlife in the State;
- 18 [~~8~~] (9) Gather and compile information concerning
19 wildlife recommended for release in different
20 localities, including the care and propagation of
21 wildlife for protective, productive, and aesthetic



1 purposes and other useful information, which the
2 department deems proper;

3 [~~(9)~~] (10) Have the power to manage and regulate all lands
4 which may be set apart as game management areas,
5 public hunting areas, and wildlife sanctuaries;

6 [~~(10)~~] (11) Pursuant to section 183D-65 of this chapter,
7 destroy predators deemed harmful to wildlife;

8 [~~(11)~~] (12) Formulate, and from time to time recommend to
9 the governor and legislature, such additional
10 legislation necessary or desirable to implement the
11 objectives of title 12; and

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

13 SECTION 2. (a) No later than July 1, 2023, each
14 department, office, or agency of the State shall update its
15 rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing
16 industries into any food security or sustainability strategies
17 that the department, office, or agency employs.

18 (b) The updated rules and policies shall be consistent
19 with section 183D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

20 SECTION 3. The head of each principal department of the
21 State shall submit to the legislature a report on the progress



1 of that department and any agency administratively attached to
2 that department in implementing section 2 of this Act, no later
3 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions
4 of 2023 and 2024. The report shall include the department's
5 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
6 legislation.

7 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

State Departments; 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 provide a food source and that striking an appropriate balance between the management of game mammal and game bird populations and sustainability of their natural habitats to reduce negative impacts to important watershed areas is a priority and that 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. 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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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