
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 ten million dollars in federal money from the
3 Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program, also known as the
4 Pittman-Robertson Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux program. The
5 purpose of the funds is to support sustainable fishing and
6 hunting and wildlife conservation throughout the Hawaiian
7 islands. The legislature further finds that in order to better
8 support local fishers, oversight of the funds' expenditures is
9 needed.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require:

11 (1) The auditor to conduct an audit of the department of
12 land and natural resources' aquatic resources division
13 to determine how funds received from the Wildlife and
14 Sport Fish Restoration program have been expended in
15 the State; and



1 (2) The department of land and natural resources' division
2 of aquatic resources to submit an annual report to the
3 legislature beginning in 2025.

4 SECTION 2. (a) The auditor shall conduct an audit of the
5 department of land and natural resources' aquatic resources
6 division to determine how funds received from the federal
7 government through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
8 program, also known as the Pittman-Robertson Dingell-
9 Johnson/Wallop-Breaux program, have been expended in the State.
10 The audit shall include the recipient and purpose of each
11 expenditure made with funds received from the Wildlife and Sport
12 Fish Restoration Program.

13 (b) The auditor shall submit a report of the auditor's
14 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
15 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
16 to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

17 SECTION 3. The division of aquatic resources shall submit
18 an annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days
19 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2025 and each
20 regular session thereafter that summarizes the expenditures of
21 funds received from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration



1 Program for the preceding year, and shall include the recipient
2 and purpose of each expenditure.

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



Report Title:

Audit; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Aquatic Resources Division; Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program; Federal Funding

Description:

Requires the Auditor to audit the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Aquatic Resources Division's expenditures of funds received from the federal Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. Requires a report to the Legislature from the Office of the Auditor prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024 and an annual report to the Legislature from the Division of Aquatic Resources beginning in 2025. Effective 7/1/2050.
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