A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MARINE RESOURCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's nearshore marine resources are being increasingly impacted by local and global stressors and that existing state management measures may be inadequate to ensure long-term sustainability. On September 1, 2016, at the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress in Hawaii, and as part of the sustainable Hawaii initiative, governor David Ige announced the State's commitment to effectively manage thirty per cent of Hawaii's nearshore waters by 2030. Referred to as the marine 30x30 initiative, this effort aims to balance sustainable use with restoration and conservation to benefit local communities now and in the future. The department of land and natural resources is capitalizing on this initiative to establish new strategic directions in the way it manages the State's nearshore marine resources.

Led by the division of aquatic resources, the marine 30x30 initiative includes strategies to reevaluate and update
statewide fishing regulations and to establish a statewide network of marine managed areas encompassing thirty per cent of the State's nearshore waters. Successful development and implementation of these strategies hinges on effective public outreach and a fair and transparent stakeholder input process, which includes statewide public hearings and concentrated scoping workshops in communities where marine managed areas are proposed.

The purpose of this Act is to provide the department of land and natural resources with the funds necessary to establish one full-time, temporary program specialist V position within the department and to successfully undertake the comprehensive stakeholder engagement process associated with the marine 30x30 initiative.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $29,808 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the sum of $59,616 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the funding of one full-time (1.0 FTE) temporary program specialist V to support the coordination and
implementation of the marine 30x30 initiative in ecosystem protection and restoration.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $83,900 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the sum of $167,800 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to support the department of land and natural resources' strategic communication and stakeholder engagement process associated with the marine 30x30 initiative.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

INTRODUCED BY:

[Signatures]

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Description:
Appropriates funds to establish a full-time temporary Program Specialist V position to support the coordination and implementation of the Marine 30x30 Initiative. Appropriates funds for the Marine 30x30 Initiative strategic communication and stakeholder engagement process.

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