
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii had an
2 innovative aquaculture development program during the 1980s and
3 1990s, initially under the department of business and economic
4 development, then under the department of land and natural
5 resources, and currently under the department of agriculture.
6 The aquaculture development program assisted prospective
7 farmers, investors, and technology companies in many ways,
8 including providing technical assistance, help with site
9 selection and permitting, product and services marketing, and
10 perhaps most importantly, a strong and informed voice within
11 government in support of aquaculture as a desirable industry for
12 Hawaii. The program played a large role in creating an industry
13 that generates more than \$70,000,000 annually and is one of the
14 largest sectors of Hawaii's diversified agriculture. Despite
15 its success, the aquaculture development program has been
16 reduced in staff and function. The program continues to be
17 downsized and is now subsumed with livestock support services



1 under the animal industries division of the department of
2 agriculture. It is no coincidence that industry growth and
3 Hawaii's aquaculture revenues have leveled off in recent years.

4 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for
5 operational expenses to revitalize the aquaculture development
6 program.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
10 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2020-2021 for the revitalization of the aquaculture development
12 program.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
14 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Aquaculture Development Program;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for operational expenses for revitalizing the
aquaculture development program within the department of
agriculture. (SD1)

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