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# 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 \$ 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, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Department of Agriculture; Aquaculture Development Program;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for operational expenses for revitalizing the  
aquaculture development program within DOA. Effective 7/1/2050.  
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