A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY.

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

SECTION 1. (a) Pursuant to section 226-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the department of agriculture, in coordination with the appropriate departmental agency, shall prepare and periodically update a functional plan for seafood sustainability that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source.

(b) As part of the functional plan for seafood sustainability, the department of agriculture and the appropriate departmental agency shall consider the following:

(1) Establishing objectives, policies, and actions related to seafood sustainability;

(2) Researching the agricultural and economic impact that wild seafood has on food self-sufficiency in the State, including its influence on non-commercial consumption, such as community sharing and fisher household consumption, and exports;
(3) Collecting data on the wholesale and retail sales of wild seafood in the State;

(4) Classifying and regulating wild seafood as a food commodity in the State; and

(5) Incorporating the functional plan for seafood sustainability, in part or in whole, into the state agricultural functional plan related to increased food security and food self-sufficiency.

(c) The governor shall submit the functional plan pursuant to section 226-56, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2022.

(d) For the purposes of this section, "wild seafood" means naturally-born or hatchery-raised fish and shellfish harvested in the wild through commercial, recreational, or subsistence fishing, but excluding net-pen aquacultural or other farm-raised fish.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
Report Title:
Department of Agriculture; Seafood Sustainability; Functional Plan

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