S.B. NO. 1260

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.

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

The purpose of this Act is to support the 1 SECTION 1. 2 collaboration between the department of agriculture and 3 aquaculture industry leaders concerning the allocation of the department's four new aquaculture positions and expanded budget 4 5 of 2022. The department of agriculture shall consult 6 SECTION 2. 7 with at least three members of the aquaculture industry on the 8 following: 9 (1) How to prioritize staffing of the four positions 10 established pursuant to Act , Session Laws of 11 Hawaii 2022; 12 How new staff can be strategically deployed to address (2) 13 aquaculture industry needs; 14 (3) How the aquaculture industry can support the 15 department of agriculture; and 16 (4) How to increase access to land and water for 17 aquaculture in the State.



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1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 4 5 2024-2025 for the support of collaboration between the 6 department of agriculture and aquaculture industry leaders. 7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 8 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act. 9 SECTION 4. The department of agriculture shall submit a 10 report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty 11 12 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024 and 13 2025. 14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023. 15

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**Report Title:** Aquaculture; Department of Agriculture; Industry Collaboration; Appropriation

**Description:** Appropriates funds to support collaboration between the Department of Agriculture and the aquaculture industry.

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