
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as the state has
2 transitioned away from plantation agriculture, diversified
3 agriculture has become an essential component of our overall
4 agriculture industry. Aquaculture, which reached \$28,400,000 in
5 wholesale product value in 2005, represents one of the fastest
6 growing sectors of diversified agriculture in the state, with a
7 future brimming with potential. Our state has an opportunity to
8 expand its burgeoning aquacultural industry by encouraging the
9 culturing of shellfish, including clams and oysters, on land and
10 in certain areas of the ocean.

11 However, federal regulations require certain procedures and
12 testing before selling cultured oysters and clams locally and
13 for export. In addition, the state department of health allows
14 the import of live shellfish for food, but not culturing of
15 shellfish for local consumption and export. This is a missed
16 opportunity for local shellfish growers, who are growing clams
17 and oysters for seed export sales, but are not permitted to grow
18 clams and oysters for food.



1 The purpose of this Act is to promote the development of a
2 viable, local, shellfish aquaculture industry by providing funds
3 to conduct a feasibility and cost study to determine the
4 statutory and administrative rule changes, staffing
5 requirements, laboratory support requirements, research
6 requirements, and training and technical assistance needs, to
7 develop a shellfish aquaculture industry in Hawaii.

8 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii shall conduct a
9 feasibility and cost study to determine the statutory and
10 administrative rule changes, staffing requirements, laboratory
11 support requirements, research requirements, and training and
12 technical assistance needs, to develop a shellfish aquaculture
13 industry in Hawaii.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to conduct
17 a feasibility and cost study to determine the statutory and
18 administrative rule changes, staffing requirements, laboratory
19 support requirements, research requirements, and training and
20 technical assistance needs, to develop a shellfish aquaculture
21 industry in Hawaii.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
2 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Shellfish Aquaculture

Description:

Appropriates funds to conduct a feasibility and cost study to determine the statutory and rule changes, staffing requirements, laboratory support requirements, research requirements, and training and technical assistance needs to develop a shellfish aquaculture industry in Hawaii. (HB1615 HD1)

