
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 the State has a
2 public interest in diversifying its economy and promoting the
3 development of innovative companies in both the blue tech
4 economy and the aquaculture industry.

5 The legislature further finds that the global aquaculture
6 industry is poised for a sustained period of growth and
7 expansion. Hawaii is home to both pioneering industry research
8 efforts and commercial activities that have made significant
9 contributions to the global aquaculture industry. To capitalize
10 on commercial opportunities, Hawaii must undertake a concerted
11 and collaborative effort to raise its visibility in the global
12 aquaculture industry.

13 The legislature also finds that public and private
14 stakeholders in Hawaii's aquaculture industry support a
15 strategic initiative to build scale in important industry inputs
16 like feed sources and processing capacity and to clarify
17 permitting issues. This strategic initiative needs to also



1 support the attraction and growth of innovative companies that
2 will create the biological, engineering, and operational
3 solutions that will be demanded by a commercial scale global
4 industry.

5 The legislature recognizes that the Hawaii aquaculture 2020
6 initiative is a statewide collaborative effort to bring Hawaii's
7 diverse resources in aquaculture into a focused industry effort
8 to grow Hawaii's aquaculture industry. Beginning these efforts
9 now will allow Hawaii to prepare to showcase its aquaculture
10 assets and successes when Hawaii hosts the Aquaculture America
11 conference in February 2020, at the Hawaii convention center.

12 The legislature further recognizes that Aquaculture America
13 is the largest aquaculture trade show in the western hemisphere,
14 with nearly two hundred booths and over two thousand attendees
15 in recent years. The United States Aquaculture Society joins
16 with the National Aquaculture Association and the Aquaculture
17 Suppliers Association to produce the annual Aquaculture America
18 meetings.

19 The purpose of this Act is to provide the funding necessary
20 to support the planning and participation of the Hawaii



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1 aquaculture industry in the Aquaculture America 2020 conference
2 to be held in Honolulu.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to be
6 expended for the planning and participation of the Hawaii
7 aquaculture industry in the World Aquaculture Society's
8 Aquaculture America 2020 conference to be held in Honolulu in
9 February 2020.

10 The sum appropriated shall be deposited into the Hawaii
11 strategic development corporation revolving fund, established by
12 section 211F-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and expended by the
13 Hawaii strategic development corporation for the purposes of
14 this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds to support the planning and participation of the Hawaii aquaculture industry in the Aquaculture America 2020 conference.

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