



GOV. MSG. NO. 1351

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

July 6, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 6, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1313 SD2 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO SPORT FISH.
ACT 223 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 06 2021

THE SENATE
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 223
S.B. NO.

1313
S.D. 2
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C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPORT FISH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the northern
2 largemouth bass and butterfly peacock bass, also known as
3 tucunare, are some of the most popular gamefish in the United
4 States, with northern largemouth bass existing in the State's
5 artificial reservoirs since 1896, and butterfly peacock bass
6 existing since 1957. More than 828,000 jobs nationally are
7 directly supported in some way by bass fishing and more than
8 \$48,000,000,000 in retail sales are directly attributed to bass
9 fishing activities. Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan,
10 Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, and Vermont all recognize
11 bass fishing as a high school sport.

12 The legislature further finds that based upon fishing
13 licenses issued by the department of land and natural resources
14 to fish for northern largemouth bass and butterfly peacock bass,
15 bass fishing in the State is far less popular than in other
16 states. One reason for the small number of anglers fishing for
17 bass is the lack of a diverse population of these sport fish in
18 Hawaii's artificial reservoirs. Restocking the reservoirs with



1 new stocks of northern largemouth bass and butterfly peacock
2 bass will refresh the genetic diversity of these fish
3 populations. The legislature further finds that the board of
4 agriculture can allow the importation of butterfly peacock bass
5 and establish appropriate permit conditions, since it is already
6 on the list of conditionally approved animals and is eligible
7 for importation. The legislature also finds that the department
8 of land and natural resources will need to request the board of
9 agriculture to place the northern largemouth bass and butterfly
10 peacock bass on the list of restricted animals that require a
11 permit for both import into the State and possession, pursuant
12 to section 150A-6.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13 The purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot project in
14 the department of land and natural resources to work with a
15 public or private organization to import live northern
16 largemouth bass and butterfly peacock bass for the purpose of
17 enhancing and supporting the pre-existing populations for
18 continued recreational fishing in Hawaii.

19 SECTION 2. No later than January 1, 2023, the division of
20 aquatic resources of the department of land and natural
21 resources shall establish a pilot project to restock northern



1 largemouth bass, butterfly peacock bass, or both, in the Wahiawa
2 public fishing area in central Oahu; provided that the board of
3 agriculture has placed the northern largemouth bass and the
4 butterfly peacock bass on the list of restricted animals that
5 require a permit for import into the State maintained pursuant
6 to section 150A-6.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The division of
7 aquatic resources shall apply to the board of agriculture for
8 the permit to import the northern largemouth bass and butterfly
9 peacock bass and may work with another public entity or partner
10 with a private entity to accomplish the pilot project.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

APPROVED this 06 day of JUL , 2021



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1313, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021

Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives