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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR MARINE BIOLOGY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii institute  
2 for marine biology is a center of innovation for science and  
3 technology, place-based education, and indigenous resource  
4 management approaches, with a mission to advance understanding  
5 and stewardship of oceans and coasts locally and globally.

6           The Hawaii institute for marine biology hosts a world-class  
7 research and education institute that, at present, is critically  
8 understaffed, even though it is one of the most complex research  
9 operations at the University of Hawaii, with responsibilities  
10 for maintaining its own entire island infrastructure; overseeing  
11 a marine special management area; managing its own national  
12 pollutant discharge elimination system discharge permit with the  
13 United States Environmental Protection Agency and Hawaii  
14 department of health; managing its own photovoltaic power  
15 purchase agreement; running its own diving and boating programs;  
16 and maintaining all of its own facilities, grounds, and  
17 utilities. The institute is home to twenty-eight faculty who



1 are all highly productive and well-recognized for their  
2 excellence in various disciplines of tropical marine biology and  
3 education, making it unlike almost any other marine lab in the  
4 world due to the proximity of high-end research facilities to a  
5 living coral reef and a dedicated faculty of scientists and  
6 science educators.

7 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii institute for  
8 marine biology's twenty-six-acre campus and associated  
9 facilities bring in nearly \$9,000,000 in research, education,  
10 and outreach funds annually. The programs at the institute,  
11 which provide direct benefits to local students and the State,  
12 are dependent on having permanent support staff that possess the  
13 institutional knowledge to efficiently navigate the processes of  
14 the State and University of Hawaii.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to  
16 establish new permanent support staff positions that are  
17 critical to sustaining daily operations for the initiatives at  
18 the Hawaii institute for marine biology.

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$65,352 or so much  
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the



1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
2 2024-2025 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent  
3 building maintenance worker II position to support the Hawaii  
4 institute for marine biology.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
6 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$80,766 or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
10 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
11 2024-2025 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent  
12 administrative officer position to support the Hawaii institute  
13 for marine biology.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
15 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
20 2024-2025 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent



1 website specialist position to support the Hawaii institute for  
2 marine biology.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
4 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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# H.B. NO. 848

**Report Title:**

Hawaii Institute for Marine Biology; University of Hawaii;  
Support Staff; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for three support staff positions for the  
Hawaii institute for marine biology.

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