
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 permit with the United
13 States Environmental Protection Agency and Hawaii department of
14 health; managing its own photovoltaic power purchase agreement;
15 running its own diving and boating programs; and maintaining all
16 of its own facilities, grounds, and utilities. The institute is
17 home to twenty-eight faculty who are all highly productive and



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

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

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

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



1 2024-2025 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent
2 building maintenance worker II position to support the Hawaii
3 institute for marine biology.

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

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

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

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



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

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

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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. Effective 6/30/3000.
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