

JAN 20 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of agriculture shall
2 conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites on the
3 island of Oahu for an aquaculture park that promotes commercial
4 aquaculture expansion. The study shall consider factors,
5 including but not limited to the following:
- 6 (1) The plans and designs of the proposed aquaculture park
7 that supports commercial aquaculture operations;
- 8 (2) Any zoning requirements, building codes, and existing
9 conditions of each potential site, including any
10 easements and property disputes;
- 11 (3) The current usage of neighboring property and any
12 potential environmental impacts of establishing an
13 aquacultural park at each potential site;
- 14 (4) Any variance, permit, or approval necessary to
15 establish an aquaculture park at each potential site;
16 and



1 (5) A projected budget and timeline for the construction
2 of the agricultural park at each potential site.

3 (b) The department of agriculture shall submit a report of
4 its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
5 legislation, resulting from the feasibility study to identify
6 potential sites on the island of Oahu for an aquacultural park
7 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
8 convening of the regular session of 2024.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
12 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
13 year 2024-2025 for the department of agriculture to conduct a
14 feasibility study that identifies potential sites on the island
15 of Oahu for an aquaculture park that promotes commercial
16 aquaculture expansion.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
18 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

20 INTRODUCED BY: *Mike Goffman*



S.B. NO. 650

Report Title:

Feasibility Study; Aquaculture Park; Department of Agriculture; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Agriculture to conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites on the island of Oahu for an aquaculture park that promotes commercial aquaculture expansion. Requires a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024. Appropriates funds.

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