
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII INSTITUTE OF MARINE BIOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii institute
2 of 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. The
6 Hawaii institute of marine biology hosts a world-class research
7 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. The legislature further finds that the
7 Hawaii institute of marine biology's twenty-six acre campus and
8 associated facilities bring in nearly \$9,000,000 in research,
9 education, and outreach funds annually.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to repair
11 and replace the sewer system and repair the seawall and pier,
12 which are critical to prevent damage to rare coral and water
13 systems, and to continue operations at the Hawaii institute of
14 marine biology.

15 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
16 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$10,000,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
18 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2023-2024
19 for the Hawaii institute of marine biology of the University of
20 Hawaii for sewage system repair and replacement at Moku o Lo'e



1 (Coconut island), including the sewer line connection to the
2 city and county of Honolulu main in Kaneohe bay.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
4 institute of marine biology of the University of Hawaii for the
5 purposes of this section.

6 SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue
7 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
9 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2023-2024
10 for the Hawaii institute of marine biology of the University of
11 Hawaii for the plan and design of seawall and pier repairs and
12 replacement at Moku o Lo'e.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
14 institute of marine biology of the University of Hawaii for the
15 purposes of this section.

16 SECTION 4. The appropriations made for the capital
17 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
18 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
19 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
20 unencumbered as of June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date.

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



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Report Title:

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Description:

Authorizes the issuance of bonds and appropriates bond funds for the sewage system repair and replacement project and the seawall and pier repair and replacement project of the Hawaii institute of marine biology's facility at Moku o Lo'e.

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