
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 in the
3 State, with a preference for sites on islands that are currently
4 under reconstruction, for an aquaculture park that promotes
5 commercial aquaculture expansion. The study shall consider
6 factors for establishing an aquaculture park at each potential
7 site, including but not limited to the following:

- 8 (1) Plans and designs to support commercial aquaculture
9 expansion;
- 10 (2) Zoning requirements, building codes, and existing
11 conditions, including any easements and property
12 disputes;
- 13 (3) The current usage of neighboring property and any
14 potential environmental impacts;
- 15 (4) Any required variance, permit, or approval; and
- 16 (5) A projected budget and timeline for construction.



1 (b) The department of agriculture shall submit a report of
2 its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
3 legislation, resulting from the feasibility study to identify
4 potential sites in the State for an aquacultural park to the
5 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
6 the regular session of 2025.

7 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
8 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
10 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
11 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
12 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
13 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
14 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
15 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
16 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
17 ceiling are that:

18 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
19 serve the public interest; and

20 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
21 addressed by this Act.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the
4 department of agriculture to conduct a feasibility study that
5 identifies potential sites in the State for an aquaculture park
6 that promotes commercial aquaculture expansion.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires the Department of Agriculture to conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites in the State for an aquaculture park that promotes commercial aquaculture expansion. Requires a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2025. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.

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