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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The University of Hawaii sea grant program
 shall establish a five-year plan to develop goals, objectives,
 and an operational plan with budgets and timelines to strengthen
 and grow the aquaculture industry in the State.

(b) The University of Hawaii sea grant program shall
contract with an independent consultant who shall facilitate the
five-year plan. The University of Hawaii sea grant program
shall also engage with aquaculture industry leaders and
stakeholders.

10 (c) The University of Hawaii sea grant program shall
11 submit the five-year plan to the legislature no later than
12 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
13 2024.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



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2024-2025 for the University of Hawaii sea grant program to 1 2 contract an independent consultant to establish a five-year plan 3 to develop goals, objectives, and an operational plan with 4 budgets and timelines to strengthen and grow the aquaculture 5 industry in the State.

6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University 7 of Hawaii sea grant program for the purposes of this Act. 8

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

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Report Title:

Aquaculture; University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program; Five-Year Plan; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program to contract with an independent consultant to establish a five-year plan to develop goals, objectives, and an operational plan with budgets and timelines to strengthen and grow the aquaculture industry in the State. Appropriates funds.

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