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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the development of  
2 the aquaculture industry in Hawaii is a matter of statewide  
3 concern, the strategic planning of which may result in both food  
4 security and economic growth for the State.

5           SECTION 2. (a) The University of Hawaii sea grant program  
6 shall establish a five-year plan to develop goals, objectives,  
7 and an operational plan with budgets and timelines to strengthen  
8 and grow the aquaculture industry in the State.

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

14           (c) The University of Hawaii sea grant program shall  
15 submit the five-year plan to the legislature no later than  
16 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
17 2024.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
5 2024-2025 for the University of Hawaii sea grant program to  
6 contract an independent consultant to establish a five-year plan  
7 to develop goals, objectives, and an operational plan with  
8 budgets and timelines to strengthen and grow the aquaculture  
9 industry in the State.

10 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
11 of Hawaii sea grant program for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



**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. (SD1)

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