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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. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to part IV to be appropriately
- 3 designated and to read as follows:
- 4 "\$141- Aquaculture advisory committee. (a) There is
- 5 established an aquaculture advisory committee within the
- 6 department of agriculture for administrative purposes. The
- 7 purpose of the advisory committee is to provide expert and
- 8 credible guidance for supporting and strengthening aquaculture
- 9 throughout the State.
- 10 (b) The advisory committee shall consist of five members
- 11 who are experienced in aquaculture appointed by the governor
- 12 based on recommendations from aquaculture industry leaders from
- 13 the public and private sector. The terms of advisory committee
- 14 members shall be four years; provided that initial terms shall
- 15 be one, two, three, or four years to ensure staggered rotation
- 16 of members.



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| 1  | (c) The advisory committee shall be subject to chapter 92        |
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| 2  | and shall meet at least annually to review the status of the     |
| 3  | State's aquaculture industry, and shall make recommendations to  |
| 4  | the department of agriculture on at least an annual basis. The   |
| 5  | advisory committee may meet and subsequently make                |
| 6  | recommendations at additional times as determined by a majority  |
| 7  | of the members."   |
| 8  | SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general              |
| 9  | revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so              |
| 10 | much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and   |
| 11 | the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal   |
| 12 | year 2024-2025 for the establishment of the aquaculture advisory |
| 13 | committee.   |
| 14 | The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department        |
| 15 | of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.                     |
| 16 | SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.                |
| 17 | SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.           |
| 18 | INTRODUCED BY: Whe Hattand                                       |
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### Report Title:

Aquaculture Advisory Committee; Appropriation

### Description:

Establishes the Aquaculture Advisory Committee. Makes an appropriation.

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