

JAN 20 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FISHPONDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that loko ia, or
2 fishponds, play an important role in Hawaiian cultural
3 practices, have an ecologically important role in watersheds,
4 and could significantly contribute to the State's food security
5 goals. The legislature further finds that providing juvenile
6 fish to restock loko ia through the department of land and
7 natural resources' division of aquatic resources will support
8 ongoing efforts to restore the State's fishponds.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to support
10 the department of land and natural resources in restoring and
11 restocking fishponds.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
16 year 2024-2025 for the department of land and natural resources
17 to:



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- 1 (1) Provide fingerlings and limu for restoration and
2 restocking of fishponds; and
3 (2) Establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
4 aquaculture coordinator biologist VI position.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
6 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

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

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Report Title:

Fishponds; Restocking; Restoration; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to support the Department of Land and Natural Resources in restoring and restocking fishponds.

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