A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The commission on water resource
- 2 management and division of aquatic resources of the department
- 3 of land and natural resources, in partnership with the
- 4 University of Hawaii and department of health, shall conduct
- 5 research on limu to understand the impacts of groundwater use on
- 6 groundwater-dependent ecosystems.
- 7 (b) No later than twenty days before the regular session
- 8 of 2026, the commission on water resource management and
- 9 division of aquatic resources of the department of land and
- 10 natural resources, University of Hawaii, and department of
- 11 health shall submit to the legislature a joint report of their
- 12 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
- 13 legislation, concerning their research on limu and the impacts
- 14 of groundwater use on groundwater-dependent ecosystems.
- 15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and

- 1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 2 year 2024-2025 for research on limu to understand the impacts of
- 3 groundwater use on groundwater-dependent ecosystems.
- 4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 5 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

Report Title:

Limu Research; Commission on Water Resource Management; DLNR; UH; DOH; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the commission on water resource management and division of aquatic resources of the department of land and natural resources, in partnership with the University of Hawaii and department of health, to conduct research on limu to understand the impacts of groundwater use on groundwater-dependent ecosystems. Requires a joint report to legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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