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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 office  
6 of the chairperson of the board of agriculture for  
7 administrative purposes. The purpose of the advisory committee  
8 is to provide expert and credible guidance for supporting and  
9 strengthening aquaculture throughout the State.

10           (b) The advisory committee shall consist of eleven members  
11 who are experienced in aquaculture, to include a cross section  
12 of aquaculture producers, researchers, extension, investors, and  
13 seafood wholesalers, distributors, and restaurant sector  
14 representatives, appointed by the governor based on  
15 recommendations from chairperson of the board of agriculture.  
16 The terms of advisory committee members shall be two years



1 unless extended on a case-by-case basis by a majority vote of  
2 the advisory committee.

3 (c) The advisory committee shall be subject to chapter 92  
4 and shall meet at least quarterly to review the status of the  
5 State's aquaculture industry, and shall make recommendations to  
6 the chairperson of the board of agriculture on at least an  
7 annual basis. The advisory committee may meet and subsequently  
8 make recommendations at additional times as determined by a  
9 majority of the members.

10 (d) The department of agriculture shall provide  
11 administrative support to the advisory committee."

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 establishment of the aquaculture advisory  
17 committee.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
19 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Aquaculture Advisory Committee; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Aquaculture Advisory Committee. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

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