THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII **S.B. NO.** ⁶⁴⁸ S.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The department of agriculture shall establish 2 and administer an aquaculture disease diagnostic laboratory 3 within the veterinary laboratory of the division of animal 4 industry to support the development of the aquaculture industry. 5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and 8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 9 year 2024-2025 for the establishment of the aquaculture disease 10 diagnostic laboratory within the veterinary laboratory of the 11 department of agriculture's division of animal industry, 12 including procuring staff, equipment, and supplies. 13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 14 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act. 15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so

much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and

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1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the establishment of one full-time (1.0 FTE) 2 3 aquaculture veterinarian position within the aquaculture and 4 livestock support services branch of the department of 5 agriculture's division of animal industry. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 6 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act. 7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general 8 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the 11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the establishment of two full-time (2.0 FTE) 12 Microbiologist III (SR-20) positions within the aquaculture and 13 14 livestock support services branch of the department of 15 agriculture's division of animal industry. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 16

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 17 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

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SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



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Report Title:

Aquaculture Disease Diagnostic Laboratory; Aquaculture Veterinarian; Department of Agriculture; Division of Animal Industry; Aquaculture and Livestock Support Services Branch; Positions; Appropriations

Description:

Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish and administer an aquaculture disease diagnostic laboratory. Appropriates funds for the laboratory. Establishes and appropriates funds for positions within the Department of Agriculture. (SD1)

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