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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 land and natural resources, division of aquatic resources'
3 mission is to manage, conserve, and restore the State's unique
4 aquatic resources and ecosystems for present and future
5 generations. The State faces numerous increasing threats to its
6 streams, estuaries, and reefs from invasive species, habit
7 degradation, land-based sources of pollution, reduced freshwater
8 flow, and disasters. These in turn have adversely impacted the
9 fishing and gathering practices of local communities.

10 The purpose of this Act is to support the important work of
11 the division of aquatic resources by funding various positions
12 within the division.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$551,064 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
17 2026-2027 to establish and fund the following positions within



1 the department of land and natural resources, division of
2 aquatic resources:

3 (1) \$71,016 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) aquatic
4 biologist V position for permitting and environmental
5 review;

6 (2) \$63,096 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) aquatic
7 biologist IV position for permitting and environmental
8 review;

9 (3) \$71,016 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) aquatic
10 biologist V position for environmental response to
11 emergencies;

12 (4) \$71,016 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) aquatic
13 biologist V position for aquatic invasive species;

14 (5) \$63,096 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) aquatic
15 biologist IV position for noncommercial fisheries;

16 (6) \$63,096 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) aquatic
17 biologist IV position for Molokai;

18 (7) \$58,296 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) aquatic
19 biologist III position for Molokai; and

20 (8) \$90,432 for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) fishery
21 technician IV positions for Molokai.



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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S.B. NO. 19

Report Title:

DLNR; DAR; Aquatic Resources; Positions; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to establish positions within the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Aquatic Resources.

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