
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 \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2026-2027 to establish and fund the following positions



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

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

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

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

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

15 (5) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
16 aquatic biologist IV position for noncommercial
17 fisheries;

18 (6) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
19 aquatic biologist IV position for Molokai;

20 (7) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
21 aquatic biologist III position for Molokai; and



1 (8) \$ for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)
2 fishery technician IV positions for Molokai.

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DLNR; DAR; Aquatic Resources; Positions; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds to establish positions within the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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