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

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

14       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15      revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                or so  
16      much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
17      the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2026-2027 to establish and fund the following positions  
2 within the division of aquatic resources of the department of  
3 land and natural resources:

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

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

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

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

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

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



1           (7)   \$                   for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
2                   aquatic biologist III position for Molokai; and  
3           (8)   \$                   for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)  
4                   fishery technician IV positions for Molokai.

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

7           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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