

ACT 268

H. B. 734.

A Bill for an Act Relating to Fisheries Development Program.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Fishery development. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$91,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary to the department of land and natural resources to conduct studies and programs to develop and improve commercial and sport fisheries in the State. These studies and programs shall include appropriate fishery census taking. The studies and programs shall give priority to the aku fishery, the nehu bait fishery, the akule fishery, bottom and coastal fisheries and shall focus upon methods of efficiently and economically locating and developing fisheries, harvesting, conservation of fisheries, processing of fish products, and market development; provided that the sum of \$10,000 of the monies appropriated shall be allotted and be expended for studies in the processing of fish products on a matching basis with monies expended for such purpose by private persons; and provided further that no part of the state or private funds which constitute the matched funds shall be expended for such studies except as authorized by the department of land and natural resources pursuant to this Act.

SECTION 2. Power and duty of department. The department of land and natural resources is authorized to receive state, federal and private funds and assistance for the purposes of this Act and to cooperate fully with other state agencies, the federal government and private interests, to the extent permitted by law, to carry out the purposes of this Act. The department may contract, without regard to chapters 3 and 4, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, for the assistance of such experts whose services are necessary to conduct any studies herein called for.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 7, 1967.)