

ACT 149

H.B. NO. 131

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Coordination of Marine Affairs.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to facilitate better administration and coordination of marine affairs programs in the State of Hawaii. The legislature finds there is a major need for a clear accounting of all funds expended in marine programs. It is often impossible to reconcile discrepancies between the budgets of the marine affairs coordinator, sea grant, the university of Hawaii, individual principal investigators, and the various departments. In order to maintain accuracy and accountability in the fiscal decision-making process, the legislature requires a more thorough review of expenditures.

SECTION 2. Section 218-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 218-3 Powers and duties. The coordinator shall:

- (a) Develop plans, including objectives, criteria to measure accomplishments of objectives, programs through which the objectives are to be attained, and financial requirements for the total and optimum development of Hawaii's marine resources, including plans, objectives and criteria for the expenditure of state matching funds for federally funded projects based on the needs and goals of the State of Hawaii;
- (b) Conduct systematic analysis of existing and proposed marine programs, evaluate the analysis conducted by the agencies of state government and recommend to the governor and to the legislature programs which represent the most effective allocation of resources for the development of the marine environment;
- (c) Assist those departments having interests in marine affairs, coordinate those activities which involve the responsibilities of multiple state agencies, and insure the timely and effective implementation of all authorized marine projects and programs;
- (d) Establish a continuing program for informing the federal government, other state governments, governments of nations with interests in the Pacific basin, private and public organizations involved in marine science and technology, and commercial enterprises of Hawaii's leadership potential as the center for marine affairs;
- (e) Coordinate the state's involvement in national and international efforts to investigate, develop and utilize the marine resources of the Pacific basin;
- (f) Develop programs to continuously encourage private and public marine exploration and research projects which will result in the

- development of improved technological capabilities in Hawaii;
- (g) Formulate specific program and project proposals to solicit increased investment by the federal government and other sources to develop Hawaii's marine resources and coordinate the preparation and submission of program and project proposals of state agencies;
 - (h) Serve as consultant to the governor, state agencies and private industry on matters related to the preservation and enhancement of the quality of Hawaii's marine environment;
 - (i) Perform such other services as may be required by the governor and the legislature;
 - (j) Contract for services when required for implementation of this chapter, provided that principal investigators shall submit regular progress reports to the marine affairs coordinator, that the release of funds for each project phase shall be contingent upon the approval of said reports by the marine affairs coordinator and that findings and data from all projects shall be considered public information and made available to the public in the office of the marine affairs coordinator; and
 - (k) Prepare and submit a report twice a year, on or before July 31, and 20 days before the opening of each legislative session, to the governor and to the legislature on the implementation of this chapter and all matters related to marine affairs, including budgetary information on all projects funded by the marine affairs coordinator and an overview of marine-related projects and programs in the state.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 2, 1977.)

* Edited accordingly.