

A Bill for an Act Relating to Marine Affairs Coordination.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 218, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 2. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§201- Powers and duties of the department of planning and economic development in marine affairs. The department of planning and economic development shall:

- (1) 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;
- (2) 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;
- (3) 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;
- (4) 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;
- (5) Coordinate the State's involvement in national and international efforts to investigate, develop and utilize the marine resources of the Pacific basin;
- (6) 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; and
- (7) 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.

SECTION 3. All rights, powers, functions, duties, and positions of the office of the marine affairs coordinator are transferred to the department of planning and

economic development.

No officer or employee of the State having tenure shall suffer any loss of *salary, seniority, prior service credit, vacation, sick leave, or other employee benefit* or privilege as a consequence of this Act, and such officer or employee may be transferred or appointed to a civil service position without the necessity of examination; provided that the officer or employee possesses the minimum qualifications for the position to which transferred or appointed; and provided that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and compensation laws.

SECTION 4. All appropriations, records, equipment, machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents, maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used, acquired, or held by the office of the marine affairs coordinator relating to the functions transferred to the department of planning and economic development shall be transferred with the functions to which they relate.

SECTION 5. It is the intent of this Act not to jeopardize the receipt of any federal aid nor to impair the obligation of the State or any agency thereof to the holders of any bond issued by the State or by any such agency, and to the extent, and only to the extent, necessary to effectuate this intent, the governor may modify the strict provisions of this Act, but shall promptly report any such modification with reasons therefor to the legislature at its next session thereafter for review by the legislature.

SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.¹

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 18, 1982.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.