

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Aquaculture Advisory Council.

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

SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“CHAPTER

AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL

§ -1 Establishment of the Hawaii aquaculture advisory council; membership. There is established within the department of land and natural resources the Hawaii aquaculture advisory council, hereinafter referred to as the council, for the purpose of advising the board of land and natural resources on matters relating to aquaculture and the coordination of aquaculture activities among the various federal, state, and county agencies and private industry. The council shall be composed of thirteen voting members, and no more than ten nonvoting members, as follows:

- (1) Six shall be voting ex-officio members to consist of the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources, the director of planning and economic development, the chairperson of the board of agriculture, the dean of the college of tropical agriculture and human resources, the director of the sea grant college program, and the chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission; or their designated representatives.
- (2) Six shall be voting members representing state aquaculture producers and private aquaculture consultants and appointed by the governor pursuant to section 26-34.
- (3) One shall be a voting member appointed by the governor pursuant to section 26-34 and selected from the State's aquaculture support industries such as feed manufacturing, marketing, and aquaculture equipment engineering.
- (4) There shall be no more than ten nonvoting ex-officio members to consist of the respective economic development officers or other officials as designated by the respective mayors of the city and county of Honolulu, the county of Hawaii, the county of Maui, and the county of Kauai, and may include the director of health, the director of the University of Hawaii's Hawaii institute of marine biology, the director of the aquatic resources division of the department of land and natural resources, the state marine affairs advisor, the administrator of the office of Hawaiian affairs, and such other members as deemed appropriate by the chairperson of the Hawaii aquaculture coordinating council.

The chairperson of the board of land and natural resources shall serve as the chairperson of the council. All members of the council shall serve without

compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while attending meetings and while in the discharge of duties and responsibilities of the council.

§ -2 Powers and duties. The council shall advise the board of land and natural resources on matters relating to aquaculture development to include:

- (1) Proposing and preparing programmatic aquaculture development plans and policies which, upon approval of the board, shall serve as a guide for aquaculture development in the State;
- (2) Coordinating, evaluating and monitoring all state aquaculture activities as they relate to the federal and county governments, public and private organizations and commercial enterprises, and the implementation of state aquaculture policies and plans;
- (3) Monitoring and supporting, as appropriate, state agency and private sector requests for federal grants and technical assistance;
- (4) Promoting communication between private industry and government agencies, including consideration of problems, permit requirements, land availability, and availability of technical and financial assistance;
- (5) Developing programs and projects to promote optimal development of aquaculture, including the development of criteria to measure program effectiveness;
- (6) Performing such other services as may be required by the governor, the legislature, and the board.

§ -3 Annual report. The Hawaii aquaculture advisory council shall submit an annual report on its implementation of this chapter to the governor, the board of land and natural resources, and the legislature prior to each regular session.

§ -4 Personnel. The department of land and natural resources shall provide staff support for the council to perform its duties and responsibilities.

§ -5 State and county agency cooperation. The council may request and shall receive from any department, division, board, bureau, commission, or agency of the State or any political subdivision thereof such assistance and data as it deems necessary or desirable to carry out its powers and duties."

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 5, 1985.)