

ACT 162

S.B. NO. 2482

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology.

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

SECTION 1. The Hawai'i institute of marine biology is a world-renowned research institute situated on Coconut Island in Kane'ohē Bay. Coconut Island provides excellent opportunities for research as it covers approximately twenty-nine acres with six acres enclosed in lagoons that are used for keeping organisms in captivity for study. Coconut Island is surrounded by sixty-four acres of coral reef, which is designated by the State as a Hawai'i Marine Laboratory Refuge, and only researchers who are associated with the Hawai'i institute of marine biology are allowed to collect specimens from the refuge. The ongoing research projects cover many disciplines of tropical marine science and the institute's faculty and students come from all over the world.

The purpose of this Act is to extend the lapse date of the funds provided for the planning, design, and construction of a modern laboratory and office complex on Coconut Island.

SECTION 2. Act 160, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, is amended by amending section 8, paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“SECTION 8. Part VII, Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, is amended:

(1) By amending section 119 to read as follows:

“SECTION 119. Any law or any provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the appropriations made for capital improvement projects authorized under this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is made; provided that all appropriations made to be expended in fiscal biennium 2005-2007 that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2008 shall lapse as of that date; provided further that this lapsing date shall not apply to appropriations for the project described in section 85 of this Act, (UOH 100), item 109, however, moneys unencumbered as of June 30, 2010 for item 109 shall lapse as of that date; provided further that this lapsing date shall not apply to: (a) appropriations for projects described in section 85 of this Act where the means of funding is designated to be the state educational facilities improvement special fund, and where such appropriations have been authorized for the construction or acquisition of public school facilities which, if unencumbered on June 30, 2010, shall lapse as of that date; and (b) non-general fund appropriations for projects described in section 85 of this Act where such appropriations have been deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and reimbursement.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2008.

(Approved June 10, 2008.)