
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPER SUCKER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that alien algae are
2 overgrowing and killing coral reefs in Hawaii and threatening
3 the fragile reef ecosystem. Alien algae currently dominate
4 large portions of Kaneohe Bay and Oahu's south shore as well as
5 the south shores of Maui and Molokai.

6 The Super Sucker was developed by a joint effort of the
7 state division of aquatic resources, the University of Hawaii,
8 and The Nature Conservancy in 2005. Over the past two years the
9 Super Sucker has proved to be an effective tool in removing
10 alien algae from coral reefs in Kaneohe Bay. The Super Sucker
11 operation is conducted by a five-person crew and has been able
12 to remove eight hundred pounds of alien algae in an hour of
13 operation. However, due to funding limitations the Super Sucker
14 has been only operating approximately once a week.

15 In addition to the Super Sucker, there is also one portable
16 Super Sucker, known as the Junior Super Sucker, currently in
17 operation. The Junior Super Sucker is smaller and more



1 maneuverable than the Super Sucker and is intended to be used in
2 remote locations, such as Maunalua Bay on Oahu, Hilo Bay on
3 Hawaii, and North Kihei on Maui, to address the problem of alien
4 algae.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
6 full-time operation of the Super Sucker in Kaneohe Bay for one
7 year and to fund the acquisition of an additional Junior Super
8 Sucker.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
12 full-time operation of the Super Sucker in Kaneohe Bay.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
16 the acquisition of one portable Junior Super Sucker and for the
17 full-time operation of the Junior Super Suckers for a one-year
18 period.

19 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
20 department of land and natural resources for the purposes of
21 this Act.



1 SECTION 5. The department of land and natural resources
2 shall submit a report of its algae removal and its findings and
3 recommendations from the Super Sucker project in Kaneohe Bay and
4 make a recommendation concerning future needs and applications
5 for similar Super Sucker projects to the legislature no later
6 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
7 of 2010.

8 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Super Sucker; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys to provide one year of funding for the full-time operation of the super sucker project in Kaneohe Bay and for the purchase of a portable super sucker unit. (HB2828 HD1)

