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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as the state has  
2 moved away from plantation agriculture, diversified agriculture  
3 has become an essential component of our overall agriculture  
4 industry. Aquaculture, which reached \$28,400,000 in wholesale  
5 product value in 2005, represents one of the fastest growing  
6 sectors of diversified agriculture in the state and has a future  
7 brimming with potential. One of the most essential resources  
8 for the aquaculture industry has been statewide technical  
9 assistance provided by the University of Hawaii sea grant  
10 extension service (UH/SGES). Both state and federal funds are  
11 used to fund this important program.

12           However, over the years, state and federal funding for  
13 UH/SGES has declined while costs for materials, supplies, and  
14 salaries have increased, thereby eroding the buying power of the  
15 funds remaining for the program. In addition, UH/SGES agents  
16 will be receiving significant salary increases over the upcoming  
17 fiscal biennium. Additional funding is needed to pay for these



1 costs and to provide state matching funds to attract federal  
2 funds for UH/SGES.

3 The purpose of this Act is to restore funding to UH/SGES by  
4 appropriating funds to pay for increased costs and to provide  
5 state matching funds to attract federal funding.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 or so much thereof  
8 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to pay for the  
9 increased costs of the University of Hawaii sea grant extension  
10 service and to provide for state matching funds to attract  
11 federal funding for the program.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
13 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Aquaculture; Statewide Technical Assistance

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to pay for the increased costs of, and to attract federal funding for, statewide technical assistance provided to the aquaculture industry through the University of Hawaii Sea Grant Extension Service. (HB935 HD2)

