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# 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 joint effort of the state  
7 division of aquatic resources, the University of Hawaii, and the  
8 Nature Conservancy in 2005. Over the past two years the Super  
9 Sucker has proved to be an effective tool in removing alien  
10 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 and its operation for a one year period.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
12 the 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 the collection data and its findings  
3 and recommendations from the Super Sucker project in Kaneohe Bay  
4 and its recommendations on the future needs and applications for  
5 similar Super Sucker projects, to the legislature no later than  
6 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
7 2010.

8           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



**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 and its full-time operation for one year. (SD1)

