
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FISHING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the commercial
2 fishing village at Honolulu's pier 38 provides independent
3 fishermen with a marketing service to help sell their daily
4 catch at a fair price. This system makes the freshest fish
5 available to the wholesale, retail, and restaurant sectors and
6 provides fishermen with same-day payments for their catch.
7 United Fishing Agency, also known as the Honolulu Fish Auction,
8 has enjoyed the support of fishermen and marketers throughout
9 its history and, today, processes approximately twenty-five
10 million pounds of fish worth approximately \$70,000,000 annually.

11 The purpose of this Act is to direct the University of
12 Hawaii at Hilo to study and determine the feasibility of
13 developing a public entity on the island of Hawaii that is
14 modeled after the commercial fishing village at Honolulu's pier
15 38.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The pacific aquaculture and coastal
17 resources center at the University of Hawaii at Hilo shall
18 conduct a study on the feasibility of developing a public entity



1 on the island of Hawaii that is modeled after the commercial
2 fishing village at the city and county of Honolulu's pier 38.
3 In addition, the study shall identify other options that may
4 enhance the fishing industry, improve seafood quality and
5 safety, promote sustainability, and generate positive economic
6 activity. In conducting the study, the Pacific Aquaculture and
7 Coastal Resources Center at the University of Hawaii at Hilo
8 shall consult with appropriate local and state agencies,
9 scientists and experts, and environmental organizations.

10 (b) At minimum, the study shall include the following:

11 (1) Seller, buyer, and product demographic information,
12 including:

13 (A) The type, size, and number of commercial and
14 sport fisherman, or other fish sellers;

15 (B) The location, type, and quantity of fish that are
16 caught and landed, including daily and seasonal
17 consistency of the catch;

18 (C) The type, number, and location of buyers, along
19 with their forms, quantities, and desired
20 products, differentiating between normally or
21 seasonally available fish; and



- 1 (D) Current and future fish, aquaculture, and seafood
- 2 production, whether produced on land or in the
- 3 ocean, and demand data by location, type, and
- 4 quantity;
- 5 (2) Market information, including:
- 6 (A) The existing methods for the selling and purchase
- 7 of product, from the source to the consumer,
- 8 including any effects on pricing, inefficiencies,
- 9 and suggested improvements;
- 10 (B) The feasibility of developing an entity similar
- 11 to the commercial fishing village at the city and
- 12 county of Honolulu's pier 38, including the
- 13 economics based on supply and consistency versus
- 14 demand, with respect to the number and type of
- 15 participating buyers and sellers;
- 16 (C) The implications, tradeoffs, and feasibility of
- 17 establishing an auction process;
- 18 (D) The extent of existing fish processing and
- 19 freezing, to include type, method, location, and
- 20 options to better meet customer demand; and
- 21 (E) The existing quality and safety controls and
- 22 procedures, including the identification of



1 problem areas and recommended options for
2 improvement;

3 (3) Location information, including:

4 (A) Existing areas of fishing activity and options
5 for infrastructure improvements therein;

6 (B) The location of and adequacy of pier space and
7 surrounding land, including options for future
8 expansion;

9 (C) The related business opportunities and economic
10 activity that may be generated as a result of
11 developing a commercial fishing village;

12 (D) The cost of the infrastructure improvements and
13 potential revenues based on the options
14 evaluated;

15 (E) The environmental impact and issues; and

16 (F) The impact of federal and state rules and
17 regulations, to include tsunami codes; and

18 (4) Other relevant information, including:

19 (A) The stakeholders to be involved or affected and
20 any necessary agreements that may need to be
21 executed;



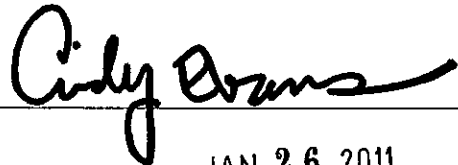
- 1 (B) Community and stakeholder input, concerns, and
- 2 feedback; and
- 3 (C) All other special considerations or pertinent
- 4 issues.

5 SECTION 3. The pacific aquaculture and coastal resources
6 center at the University of Hawaii at Hilo shall submit a report
7 of its study, including findings, recommendations, and any
8 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
9 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Fishing; Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center; Study

Description:

Directs the pacific aquaculture and coastal resources center at the University of Hawaii at Hilo to study the feasibility of developing an entity on the big island similar to the commercial fishing village at Honolulu's pier 38.

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