
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A MARINE REGULATION AND POLICY
SPECIALIST.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the division of
2 aquatic resources within the department of land and natural
3 resources is legislatively mandated to "manage and administer
4 aquatic life and aquatic resources of the State." The primary
5 way that the division of aquatic resources carries out this
6 mandate is through the adoption and enforcement of
7 administrative rules. The legislature also finds that aside
8 from being severely understaffed, the division lacks the
9 necessary technical capacity to effectively develop, interpret,
10 and apply the laws that it is tasked with administering.
11 Specifically, there are no positions designated and adequately
12 equipped to write, review, and amend administrative rules. As a
13 result, many existing marine resource laws are outdated, ridden
14 with loopholes, difficult or impossible to enforce, and in need
15 of revision. The legislature also finds that the increase in



1 ocean use necessitates the development of new and innovative
2 regulations.

3 The legislature further finds that the establishment of a
4 marine regulation and policy specialist position within the
5 division will fulfill this critical function of drafting,
6 reviewing, and amending administrative rules to better manage
7 and protect the State's marine resources. The position will
8 also collaborate with the office of the attorney general to
9 provide additional legal support for the division's programs,
10 projects, and activities and will streamline the development and
11 implementation of marine resource management measures.

12 The purpose of this Act is to create a position in the
13 division of aquatic resources of the department of land and
14 natural resources to ensure compliance with state and federal
15 mandates and support effective rulemaking and administrative
16 enforcement actions for resource damage.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
21 year 2016-2017 for the establishment of one full time-time



1 equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent marine regulation and policy
 2 specialist position in the division of aquatic resources of the
 3 department of land and natural resources to ensure compliance
 4 with state and federal mandates and support effective rule-
 5 making and administrative enforcement actions for resource
 6 damage.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 8 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

DLNR; Appropriation; Marine Regulation and Policy Specialist

Description:

Appropriates moneys to create a permanent full-time marine regulation and policy specialist position in the division of aquatic resources of DLNR.

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