
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RADIATION LEVELS IN SEAFOOD.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds the March 11, 2001,
2 Fukushima nuclear disaster resulted in the release of millions
3 of gallons of radioactive waste into the Pacific Ocean. The
4 waste contained cesium-134, cesium-137, iodine-131, and
5 strontium-90, among other radioactive isotopes. The legislature
6 further finds that some radioactive isotopes can bio-accumulate
7 in the marine food chain, causing some consumer seafood and
8 seaweed products to have increased radiation levels.

9 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
10 health to measure and monitor radiation levels for consumer
11 seafood and seaweed products in the State and to submit a report
12 of its findings and recommendations.

13 SECTION 2. (a) The department of health shall implement a
14 radiation monitoring pilot project that shall:

15 (1) Measure and monitor radiation levels of all consumer
16 seafood and seaweed products caught, harvested, or
17 commercially offered in the State and identify



1 increased radiation levels due to the March 11, 2011,
2 Fukushima nuclear disaster; and

3 (2) Post periodic reports on the department's website of
4 those radiation levels and their significance to the
5 State.

6 (b) The pilot project shall commence on July 1, 2016, and
7 shall terminate on June 30, 2021.

8 (c) The department shall submit a report of its findings
9 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the regular session of 2022. The report shall include a
12 recommendation on whether the pilot project should be continued,
13 modified, or terminated.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
17 equipment acquisition, staff training, and website development
18 to be used for the purposes of this Act.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
20 health for the purposes of this Act.



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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

DOH; Pilot Project; Radiation Levels; Seafood; Appropriation

Description:

Requires DOH to implement a pilot project to monitor radiation levels in consumer seafood and seaweed products over the next 5 years and to post periodic reports on its website. Makes an appropriation.

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