

---

---

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaiian loko i'a  
2 (fishponds) are unique aquacultural systems that are an integral  
3 part of Hawaiian culture. Loko i'a are environmentally  
4 sustainable aquacultural enterprises which also provide cultural  
5 benefits to Hawaii, employment opportunities, and fishstock  
6 enhancement. Fishpond production provides a highly desirable  
7 food source for local communities and offers income for the  
8 fishpond operator. While fishpond production is potentially  
9 profitable, profit margins are small.

10           The legislature further finds that products produced by  
11 Hawaiian loko i'a should be taxed at the wholesale rate of one-  
12 half of one per cent to help promote the cultivation of loko i'a.

13           SECTION 2. Chapter 237, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16           "§237-       Products produced by Hawaiian loko i'a; wholesale  
17 rate. (a) The wholesale rate of one-half of one per cent shall



# H.B. NO. 2458

1 apply to all of the gross proceeds or income arising from the  
2 sale of all products produced by Hawaiian loko i'a.

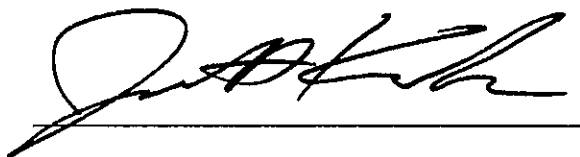
3 (b) For purposes of this section, "Hawaiian loko i'a" shall  
4 have the same meaning as "Hawaiian fishponds" as defined in  
5 section 183B-1."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

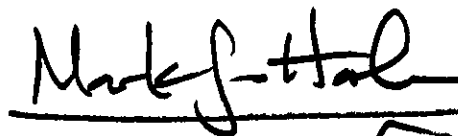
7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

8

INTRODUCED BY:



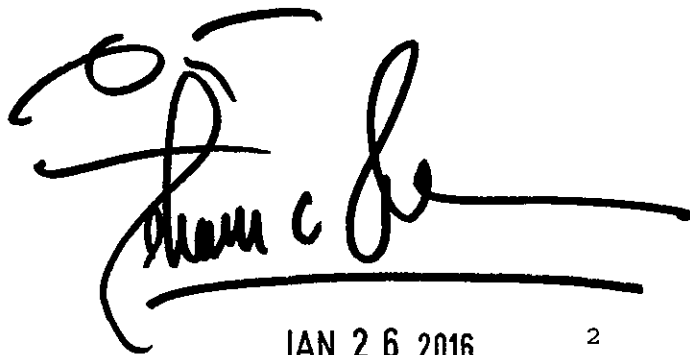














# H.B. NO. 7458

**Report Title:**

General Excise Tax; Loko I'a; Hawaiian Fishpond

**Description:**

Establishes a general excise tax at the wholesale rate of one-half of one per cent for the gross proceeds or income from all products produced by Hawaiian loko i'a.

*The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*

