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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FISH.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 187A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§187A-   Genetically engineered fish; prohibited.   (a) It  
5 shall be unlawful to:

6           (1) Propagate, cultivate, or farm genetically engineered  
7           fish in state marine waters;

8           (2) Sell or attempt to sell genetically engineered fish;  
9           or

10          (3) Possess genetically engineered fish.

11          (b) For the purposes of this section:

12          "Genetically engineered" means alterations to a life form  
13 or its living progeny at the nucleic acid level, using the  
14 techniques collectively referred to as recombinant DNA  
15 technology.

16          "Recombinant DNA technology" means the transfer of genes,  
17 regulatory sequences, or nucleic acid between hosts by the use



1 of vectors or laboratory manipulations and includes the  
2 insertion, excision, duplication, inactivation, or relocation of  
3 specific genes, regulatory sequences, or sections of nucleic  
4 acid. This term does not apply to a material or an organism  
5 developed exclusively through traditional methods of breeding,  
6 hybridization, or nondirected mutagenesis."

7 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
9 begun before its effective date.

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on December 24,  
12 2088.



**Report Title:**

Genetically Engineered Fish

**Description:**

Prohibits propagating, cultivating, or farming genetically engineered fish in state marine waters and selling, attempting to sell, or possessing genetically engineered fish. (HB686 HD1)

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