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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 7, 2019   **GOV. MSG. NO. 1164**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
   President
   and Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
   Speaker and Members of the
   House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 7, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

SB753 SD2 HD1 CD1   RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.
                           ACT 063 (19)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaiʻi

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S.B. NO. 753
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.

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

1   SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii had an

2   innovative aquaculture development program during the 1980s and

3   1990s, initially under the department of business and economic

4   development, then under the department of land and natural

5   resources, and currently under the department of agriculture.

6   The aquaculture development program assisted prospective

7   farmers, investors, and technology companies in many ways,

8   including providing technical assistance, and help with site

9   selection and permitting, product and services marketing; and

10   perhaps most importantly, giving a strong and informed voice

11   within government in support of aquaculture as a desirable

12   industry for Hawaii. The program played a large role in

13   creating an industry that generates more than $70,000,000

14   annually and is one of the largest sectors of Hawaii's

15   diversified agriculture. Despite its success, the aquaculture

16   development program has been reduced in staff and function. The

17   program continues to be downsized and is now subsumed with

18   livestock support services under the animal industries division

1 of the department of agriculture. It is no coincidence that

2 industry growth and Hawaii's aquaculture revenues have leveled

3 off in recent years.

4 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for

5 operational expenses to revitalize the aquaculture development

6 program.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general

8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $300,000 or so much

9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the

10 revitalization of the aquaculture development program, including

11 strengthening staff expertise and capabilities to assist the

12 aquaculture industry in the following areas:

13   (1)   Collection and dissemination of relevant information;

14   (2)   Species and site selection;

15   (3)   Facilitating permit acquisition;

16   (4)   Product and technical services marketing; and

17   (5)   Targeted research and extension services from the

18   University of Hawaii on a cost-sharing basis.

19 The department of agriculture aquaculture development

20 program shall be the lead state agency for developing

21 aquaculture in the State.

1   The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of

2 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

3   SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
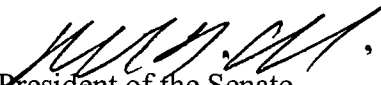

APPROVED this   7   day of   JUN   , 2019

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the

Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2019.

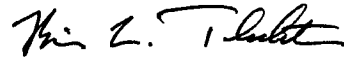President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the

House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of

2019.

Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives