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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MARINE DEBRIS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that marine debris, such
2 as derelict fishing gear including nets, lines, and ropes, is
3 often discarded into the ocean either with intent or negligence.
4 This debris is a pollutant to the environment and efforts to
5 dispose of it properly should be a priority.

6 The legislature further finds that engagement by the crew
7 aboard vessels should be encouraged to remove debris from the
8 ocean.

9 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
10 land and natural resources, division of boating and ocean
11 recreation to create a pilot program to further rid the ocean of
12 marine debris. The program would create a partnership between
13 the State and owners, lessees, crews, or other occupants of
14 vessels, whereby crews aboard those vessels would gather marine
15 debris and transfer it to a marine debris recycling center.
16 Appropriated funds would be used to pay those persons for the
17 eligible marine debris delivered to an approved facility.



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1 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources,
 2 division of boating and ocean recreation shall implement a pilot
 3 project to encourage the collection of man-made marine debris
 4 found abandoned in the ocean that include but are not limited to
 5 fishing nets, ropes, lines, and other similar materials that are
 6 not naturally occurring in the ocean. The department shall pay
 7 fifty cents per pound of eligible marine debris delivered to a
 8 marine debris recycling center approved by the department. The
 9 program shall commence on January 1, 2021 and end expire
 10 December 31, 2023."

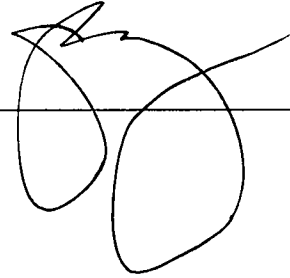
11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
 14 creating a pilot project to carry out the purposes of this Act.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 16 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____




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Report Title:

Marine Debris Recycling; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation; Pilot Project

Description:

Appropriating funds to create and implement a marine debris recycling pilot project.

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