

JAN 26 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FISHPONDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that loko i'a, or
2 fishponds, play an important role in Hawaiian cultural
3 practices, have an ecologically important role in watersheds,
4 and could significantly contribute to the State's food security
5 goals. The legislature further finds that providing juvenile
6 fish to restock loko i'a through the department of land and
7 natural resources division of aquatic resources will support
8 ongoing efforts to restore the State's fishponds.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to support
10 the department of land and natural resources' hatchery program.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
14 department of land and natural resources' hatchery program to:

- 15 (1) Provide fingerlings for restoration and restocking of
16 fishponds; and



1 (2) Establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
2 aquaculture coordinator biologist VI position.

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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S.B. NO. 3378

Report Title:

Fishponds; Restocking; Restoration; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to support the department of land and natural resources' hatchery program.

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