
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§163D- Aquaculture program. (a) There is established
5 within the corporation an aquaculture program that shall:

6 (1) Support the business of aquaculture, including the
7 processing, distribution, and marketing of
8 aquaculture;

9 (2) Undertake activities to develop and expand the
10 aquaculture industry; and

11 (3) Perform other functions and activities that may be
12 assigned by law.

13 (b) Pursuant to section 163D-3(h), the executive director
14 may appoint temporary employees for the aquaculture program
15 without regard to chapter 76."

16 SECTION 2. Section 141-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) There is established within the department an
2 aquaculture program that shall:

3 (1) Monitor actions taken by industry and by federal,
4 state, county, and private agencies in activities
5 relating to aquaculture, and promote and support
6 worthwhile aquaculture activities;

7 (2) Serve as an information clearinghouse for aquaculture
8 activities;

9 (3) Coordinate development projects to investigate and
10 solve biological and technical problems involved in
11 raising selected species with commercial potential;

12 (4) Actively seek federal funding for aquaculture
13 activities;

14 ~~[-(5) Undertake activities required to develop and expand
15 the aquaculture industry;]~~ and

16 ~~[-(6)]~~ (5) Perform other functions and activities that may
17 be assigned by law."

18 SECTION 3. Section 163D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
20 and to read as follows:



1 ""Aquaculture" means any form of agriculture devoted to the
2 propagation, cultivation, maintenance, and harvesting of aquatic
3 plants and animals in marine, brackish, and fresh water. The
4 term "aquaculture" does not include species of ornamental marine
5 or freshwater plants and animals that are not utilized for human
6 consumption or bait purposes and that are maintained in closed
7 systems for personal, pet industry, or hobby purposes."

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
11 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
12 year 2024-2025 for the aquaculture program under the
13 agribusiness development corporation and development of an
14 aquaculture park.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the agribusiness
16 development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



Report Title:

Agribusiness Development Corporation; Department of Agriculture;
Aquaculture Program; Appropriation

Description:

Transfers the business, processing, distribution, and marketing
functions of the Aquaculture Program from the Department of
Agriculture to the Agribusiness Development Corporation.
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