

ACT 280

S. B. 917.

A Bill for an Act Relating to a Fishermen Training Program and Making an Appropriation Therefor.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to provide a training program for aku, ahi and deep-sea handline fishermen in order that the fishing industry of Hawaii will have the manpower necessary to maintain a high level of efficiency.

SECTION 2. There is established within the department of education a fishermen training program. The training program shall not be restricted to the unemployed, but shall be open to all who wish to become fishermen. Actual training shall be aboard fishing vessels under a course of instruction conducted by the vessel's captain, but defined by the department of education in cooperation with the various fishing cooperatives and associations. Such instruction shall cover a twelve-month period and shall include: (a) bait catching; (b) preparation of fishing gear; (c) fishing positions and techniques; (d) cooking; and (e) such other duties as are deemed necessary for the effective performance of a fisherman on a vessel.

SECTION 3. The department of education is authorized to enter into contracts for the training of fishermen with the various fishing cooperatives and associations, the captains of fishing vessels presently home based in one of the State's ports and with fishermen trainees, and to guarantee the trainee a minimum weekly compensation of \$56 per week. The contracts shall include the following provisions: (a) that during the first through the third month, the trainee will receive one-half share of the crew's distribution of the catch; (b) that during the fourth through the sixth month, the trainee will receive a three-fourths share of the crew's distribution of the catch; (c) that during the seventh through the twelfth month, the trainee will receive a full share of the crew's distribution of the catch; (d) that the captain will submit weekly reports to the department of labor and industrial relations indicating the amount of money received by each member of the crew including the trainee; (e) that the State shall be responsible for paying the

trainee, on a weekly basis, the difference, if any, between his share and the sum of \$56.00; (f) that the determination as to whether or not the trainee remains on the ship as a trainee will be dependent upon the recommendation of the captain at the end of the third month and the end of the sixth month; and (g) such other reasonable conditions that may be included by the department of education to assure the success of this training program and the effective utilization of state funds.

SECTION 4. The State shall pay to each person who is enrolled in and is a trainee under the program provided for by this Act a weekly compensation equal to the difference between the trainee's weekly share of the catch and \$56.00.

SECTION 5. The department of labor and industrial relations is authorized to assist in the program and shall, in cooperation with the department of education and the various fishing cooperatives and associations, recruit, select and refer trainees and shall also process the payment of weekly compensation, other than the trainee's share of the catch, as provided by this Act.

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$18,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the department of labor and industrial relations for the purpose of paying weekly compensation as provided by this Act for the period beginning July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968. The department of labor and industrial relations may include such additional sums as may be necessary in its budget in succeeding fiscal years.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved June 8, 1967.)