

ACT 93

S. B. NO. 1550-70

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for the Development of Bait-Seining Methods for the Hawaiian Skipjack (Aku) Fishery.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to develop bait-seining methods for the harvest of skipjack tuna to increase the fishing efficiency of the Hawaii fishing industry.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$62,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, subject to matching funds from private industry in the same amount, to develop bait-seining methods for the Hawaiian skipjack (aku) fishery by chartering a purse seine fishing vessel; provided that the sale of fish caught on the chartered vessel shall be credited to the State and the private industry, in proportion to the amount contributed by each, for offsetting the charter fee of the vessel, the fuel costs, the cost of the plane used to spot the schools of fish, and other costs involved in the charter of the vessel; and provided that any receipts received beyond the foregoing expenses from the sale of the fish shall be retained by the chartered vessel and her crew as an added incentive to increase their catch; and provided further that if funds become available from any other source, the contributions of the State and private industry shall be proportionately reduced. The accounting procedures shall be mutually agreed upon by the State and private industry.

SECTION 3. The department of land and natural resources is authorized to receive county, State, federal, and private funds and assistance and to expend all such funds, including funds appropriated under this Act, for the purpose of this Act and to cooperate fully with governmental and private interests, to the extent permitted by law, in carrying out the purpose of this Act. The department may contract, without regard to chapters 76 and 77, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the assistance of experts whose services are necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act, provided that State funds for such contractual services shall not exceed \$62,500. Additionally, the department is requested to make a report of the experiment to the legislature no later than October 1, 1970.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved June 16, 1970.)