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H.B. NO. 2263-74

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Marine Affairs Coordinator.

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

SECTION 1. Section 218-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec. 218-1 Findings and declaration of necessity. The legislature finds that:

(1) The marine environment is one of Hawaii’s most valuable assets. It has shaped the uniqueness of the way of life in Hawaii, and it has contributed to the major elements of the State’s economy. Hawaii can secure even greater benefits from the judicious use of the resources in and around the sea if it energetically coordinates the development of technology needed to exploit these resources, the promotion of marine businesses, and the establish-

ment of programs dedicated to a better understanding and knowledge of the marine environment.

(2) There is a need for a planned and concerted effort to explore and develop to their fullest potential the vast, under-utilized resources of the Pacific Ocean. In view of its mid-Pacific location, unique oceanographic environment and other advantages, Hawaii can take the lead in fostering the development of the ocean's resources, consistent with State and national goals of economic growth, international development assistance, and cooperation with neighbors in the Pacific basin.

(3) The development and utilization of marine resources require the deep involvement of state government. Responsibilities and authorities already exist in the various agencies of state government to address many of the opportunities and problems that may arise in marine affairs in the foreseeable future. However, there is no mechanism to bring a unified and coordinated approach to marine activities that cut across the responsibilities of the various agencies of state government.

(4) If Hawaii is to capitalize on the immediate and long-term opportunities for the fullest development and utilization of marine resources, it is essential that the total efforts of the State in the planning, research, development, and promotion of the marine environment must be effectively coordinated. The marine programs in existence and those being planned require a mechanism in the state government to bring about the most effective and efficient use of resources in developing the marine environment. This mechanism can best be provided through the establishment of a marine affairs coordinator in state government at a level which will make possible the coordinated management of all marine activities.

The legislature further finds that new opportunities and needs for the development and utilization of marine resources have arisen and further effort and support from the State are necessary to meet these opportunities and needs."

SECTION 2. Appropriations. There is appropriated from the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$460,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended by the marine affairs coordinator for the following purposes, provided that any expenditure of State funds shall be matched by an equal amount from private institutions or local government or in the alternative shall be matched by twice the amount of funds provided by the federal government or by a combination thereof; provided that when matching funds are not available and when the proposed facility or project is deemed to be vital to the marine interest of the State of Hawaii then such expenditure of State funds need not be matched:

- (a) \$225,000 for research, development and promotion of the State's marine resources, including food and other biological resources, mineral resources, ocean energy resources and other ocean potentials, and for the continuing development of a detailed atlas of such state marine resources.
- (b) \$25,000 for participation and support of relevant scientific and technological events.

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(c) \$10,000 for other informational and promotional support.

(d) \$200,000 to insure the support of marine facilities of the State.

SECTION 3. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the underscoring.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 6, 1974.)

*Edited accordingly.