

ACT 69

H.B. NO. 2075

A Bill for an Act Relating to Government-Owned Hawaiian Fish Ponds.

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

SECTION 1. Section 171-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§171-28 Government-owned Hawaiian fish ponds.** (a) The board [of land and natural resources] may investigate and develop scientific commercial management practices for government-owned Hawaiian fish ponds and reconstruct, rehabilitate, improve, and stock the fish ponds; and expend moneys from the special land and development fund. All revenues derived from any government-owned Hawaiian fish pond shall be deposited in the fund.

(b) The board may lease government-owned Hawaiian fish ponds with legislative authorization as provided under section 171-53(c); provided that in lieu of legislative authorization, the board may lease such fish ponds if:

- (1) A public hearing is conducted on the proposed lease on the island where the fish pond is located;
- (2) The board finds that the proposed lease does not cause a substantial adverse environmental or ecological impact on the fish pond or surrounding area; and
- (3) The proposed lease is not in violation of applicable federal, state, or county laws.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 7, 1994.)