

ACT 6

H.B. NO. 982

A Bill for an Act Relating to Aquaculture.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The department shall manage and administer the public lands of the State and minerals thereon and all water and coastal areas of the State except the commercial harbor areas of the State, including the soil conservation function, the forests and forest reserves, aquatic life, wildlife resources, [aquaculture programs,] state parks, including historic sites, and all activities thereon and therein including, but not limited to, boating, ocean recreation, and coastal areas programs.”

SECTION 2. Section 171-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§171-3 Department of land and natural resources.** The department of land and natural resources shall be headed by an executive board to be known as the board of land and natural resources. The department shall manage, administer, and exercise control over public lands, the water resources, ocean waters, navigable streams, coastal areas (excluding commercial harbor areas), and minerals and all other interests therein and exercise such powers of disposition thereof as may be authorized by law. The department shall also manage and administer the state parks, historical sites, forests, forest reserves, aquatic life [and aquaculture programs], aquatic life sanctuaries, public fishing areas, boating, ocean recreation, [and] coastal programs, wildlife, wildlife sanctuaries, game management areas, public hunting areas, natural area reserves, and other functions assigned by law.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.

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

(Approved April 6, 1999.)