

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE**  
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**OFFERED BY MR. CASE OF HAWAII**

Page 1660, after line 6, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 71003. OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE.**

2 Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce acting through the  
4 Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
5 Administration shall enter into an agreement with the  
6 Board of Ocean Studies and Board Science, Technology,  
7 and Economic Policy of the National Academies of  
8 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a com-  
9 prehensive assessment on the development of offshore  
10 aquaculture in the exclusive economic zone including—

11 (1) assessment of the potential environmental  
12 impacts of offshore aquaculture operations, including  
13 but limited to an evaluation on the risks of siting,  
14 water pollution, habitat impact, escape of farmed  
15 species on wild population stocks, waste treatment  
16 and disposal, feed operations, and the cumulative  
17 risks of multiple aquaculture operations in shared  
18 ecosystems;

1           (2) evaluation of the potential for offshore  
2           aquaculture to serve as a tool for environmental  
3           management, including connections to water quality,  
4           watershed management, and fishery conservation  
5           and management;

6           (3) identification of existing control tech-  
7           nologies, management practices and regulatory strat-  
8           egies to minimize the environmental impact of off-  
9           shore aquaculture operations, including from tradi-  
10          tional aquaculture methods and practices of Native  
11          Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians;

12          (4) recommending best management practices  
13          related to sustainable feed for the offshore aqua-  
14          culture industry, including best practices for  
15          sourcing from sustainably managed fisheries and  
16          traceability of source fish meal ingredients;

17          (5) evaluation of the potential impact of off-  
18          shore aquaculture on the economies of coastal com-  
19          munities, particularly those dependent on traditional  
20          fishery resources; and

21          (6) assessment of the impacts of growing inter-  
22          national offshore aquaculture operations on the  
23          United States seafood market and domestic seafood

1 producers, including dependence of the United  
2 States on foreign-sourced seafood.

