

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Council on Postsecondary Education to
2 approve a Doctor of Philosophy in Aquaculture and Aquatic Science program at
3 Kentucky State University.

4 WHEREAS, Kentucky State University is the Commonwealth's only public
5 historically black college and university (HBCU) and is a federally designated 1890 land-
6 grant institution; and

7 WHEREAS, Kentucky State University has a historic mission of advancing
8 agricultural innovation in Kentucky; and

9 WHEREAS, Executive Order 14276, Restoring American Seafood
10 Competitiveness, seeks to eliminate unsafe imports, level the unfair playing field that has
11 benefited foreign fishing companies, promote ethical sourcing, reduce regulatory
12 burdens, and ensure the integrity of the seafood supply chain; and

13 WHEREAS, Kentucky State University's College of Agriculture, Health, and
14 Natural Resources offers a Bachelor of Science in Aquatic Sciences, with a strong focus
15 on hands-on research, water quality, and food safety; and

16 WHEREAS, Kentucky State University has received strong evidence of student
17 demand for a Doctor of Philosophy in Aquaculture and Aquatic Science program,
18 graduates of which would greatly benefit the aquaculture industry of Kentucky; and

19 WHEREAS, Kentucky State University has demonstrated an ability to offer a
20 Doctor of Philosophy in Aquaculture and Aquatic Science program without requiring any
21 general fund appropriations for capital or operating expenses beyond the regular
22 appropriations;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. Notwithstanding KRS 164.295(3), Kentucky State University shall
26 be deemed eligible to submit a proposal for a new Doctor of Philosophy in Aquaculture
27 and Aquatic Science program.

1 ➔Section 2. The Council on Postsecondary Education shall review and approve a
2 proposal submitted by Kentucky State University for a new Doctor of Philosophy in
3 Aquaculture and Aquatic Science program that includes a certification that the program
4 will not require additional general fund appropriations for capital or operating expenses
5 beyond the regular appropriations.