#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1374

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 486H-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended by amending subsection (k) to read as follows:

3 "(k) The maximum pre-tax wholesale gasoline price imposed 4 by this section shall take effect on September 1, 2005, 5 notwithstanding the lack of the adoption of rules pursuant to 6 this section; provided that notwithstanding any law to the 7 contrary, the maximum pre-tax wholesale price under this section 8 shall be suspended indefinitely [upon the effective date of Act 9 78, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, ] as of May 5, 2006, and shall not thereafter become effective until and unless [the governor 10 11 publishes a notice statewide in accordance with section 1-28.5 12 that the reinstatement of the maximum pre tax wholesale price 13 under this section is beneficial to the economic well being, 14 health, and safety of the people of the State.] the baseline 15 price for regular unleaded gasoline referred to in subsection 16 (b), minus the marketing margin factor and the zone price 17 adjustment, exceeds any of the spot daily prices for 18 conventional regular unleaded gasoline in subsection (c), as



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1 determined by the commission. The maximum pre-tax wholesale 2 price shall become effective five days [after the publication of 3 the notice by the governor unless otherwise specified by the 4 governor,] thereafter and shall remain in effect [for thirty 5 days, after which time it shall be automatically suspended. 6 Thereafter, the governor may reinstate the maximum pre-tax 7 wholesale price for thirty day periods on the same conditions as 8 set forth above. Upon a finding that the maximum pre-tax 9 wholesale price would impose a financial hardship upon a 10 distributor within a zone, the governor, in the governor's 11 discretion, may increase the maximum pre tax wholesale price for 12 the zone in an amount determined necessary to eliminate the 13 financial hardship on any affected distributor who does not 14 operate a refinery within the State. Any increase in the 15 maximum pre tax wholesale price shall be included in the notice 16 published by the governor.] until the baseline price for regular 17 unleaded gasoline referred to in subsection (b), minus the 18 marketing margin factor and the zone price adjustment, falls 19 below all of the spot daily prices for conventional regular 20 unleaded gasoline in subsection (c), as determined by the 21 commission. The commission shall make its determinations on a 22 semimonthly basis beginning on October 1, 2011."



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

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

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Report Title: Gasoline cap

#### Description:

Amends the gasoline-cap law to allow the cap to be triggered without the action of the Governor.

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