## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GASOLINE DEALERS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 486H-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "§486H-10.5 Violation; penalties. [Any] (a) The
- 4 commission shall assess against any person who violates section
- 5 486H-10.4 [shall-be assessed] a civil penalty of \$1,000 per day
- 6 for each violation.
- 7 (b) If the civil penalty under subsection (a) is not paid
- 8 within such period as the commission may direct, the attorney
- 9 general shall institute a civil action for recovery of same in
- 10 circuit court."
- 11 SECTION 2. Section 486H-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 12 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- "(a) [The] In addition to carrying out section 486H-
- 14 10.5(b), the attorney general shall commence a civil action to
- 15 enforce section 486H-10.4 by seeking injunctive or any other
- 16 appropriate relief. The civil action shall be brought in the
- 17 circuit court of the circuit where the alleged violation
- 18 occurred, or where the defendant resides or is doing business."

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- 1 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 3 begun before its effective date.
- 4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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### Report Title:

Gasoline dealers; Public Utilities Commission; Civil Penalty

### Description:

Allows the Public Utilities Commission to impose a civil penalty against gasoline dealers who violate the law without the instituting of a civil action.

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