## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TIER II FILING FEES FOR REPORTING OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to increase the
- 2 Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (HEPCRA)
- 3 Act, Tier II filing fee from \$100 to \$200. In fiscal year 2014-
- 4 2015, 889 total facilities (civilian and military) paid \$68,300
- 5 in filing fees. These moneys are collected pursuant to section
- 6 128E-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and are deposited into the
- 7 environmental response revolving fund.
- 8 The Tier II filings fees are used by the county local
- 9 emergency planning committees to conduct joint emergency
- 10 planning response training, to purchase specialized equipment,
- 11 and for hazardous materials emergency preparedness activities.
- 12 As HEPCRA operational and equipment costs have risen over the
- 13 years it is necessary to increase the fee to maintain the
- 14 emergency preparedness and response capabilities of the county
- 15 first responders that respond to hazardous materials incidents
- 16 statewide.

- 1 SECTION 2. Section 128E-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "\$128E-9 Filing fees. Facilities that are required to
- 4 report according to section 128E-6(a)(2), shall remit [\$100]
- 5 \$200 with each submission of chemical inventory forms or Tier II
- 6 forms to the commission by March 1 of each year. All moneys
- 7 collected by the department pursuant to this section shall be
- 8 deposited in the state treasury and accrue to the credit of the
- 9 environmental response revolving fund established in section
- **10** 128D-2."
- 11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

## Report Title:

Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act; Tier II Fee Increase

## Description:

Changes the Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act, Tier II filing fee from \$100 to \$200, to provide needed preparedness resources to Local Emergency Planning Committees. (CD1)

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