

A Bill for an Act Relating to Environmental Quality Control.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“CHAPTER

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL

Sec. -1. Findings and Purpose. The legislature finds that the quality of the environment is as important to the welfare of the people of Hawaii as is the economy of the State. The legislature further finds that the determination of an optimum balance between economic development and environmental quality deserves the most thoughtful consideration, and that the maintenance of the optimum quality of the environment deserves the most intensive care.

The purpose of this chapter is to stimulate, expand and coordinate efforts to determine and maintain the optimum quality of the environment of the State.

Sec. -2. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) ‘Director’ means the director of environmental quality control.
- (2) ‘Center’ means the university of Hawaii ecology or environmental center established in section -3(b).
- (3) ‘Council’ means the environmental council established in section -3(c).
- (4) ‘Office’ means the office of environmental quality control established in section -3(a).
- (5) ‘University’ means the university of Hawaii.

Sec. -3. Office of environmental quality control; ecology or environmental center; environmental council. (a) There is created an office of environmental quality control which shall be headed by a single executive to be known as the director of environmental quality control who shall be appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34. This office shall implement this chapter and shall be placed within the office of the governor. The office shall serve the governor in an advisory capacity on all matters relating to environmental quality control.

(b) There is created within the university an ecology or environmental center.

(c) There is created an environmental council not to exceed fifteen members. The director shall be the council chairman. The membership of the coun-

cil shall include: representatives from mass media, and representatives from relevant disciplines, for example, environmental design, natural, physical and social sciences, technologies, social ethics and philosophy, representatives of the university, representatives from business and industry, public and private schools and colleges, and voluntary community group and associations. The members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of their duties.

Sec. -4. Powers and duties of the director. (a) The director shall have such powers delegated by the governor as are necessary to coordinate and, when requested by the governor, to direct pursuant to chapter 91 all state governmental agencies in matters concerning environmental quality.

(b) To further the objective of subsection (a), the director shall:

- (1) Direct the attention of the university community and the residents of the State in general to ecological and environmental problems through the center and the council, respectively.
- (2) Develop a system for monitoring, and arrange for monitoring throughout the State, ecological, environmental and social conditions, changes, and effects such as those involving health, air, water, wastes, noise, soil, and pesticides.
- (3) Conduct research or arrange for the conduct of research through contractual relations with the center, State agencies, or other persons with competence in the field of ecology and environmental quality.
- (4) Encourage public acceptance of proposed legislative and administrative actions concerning ecology and environmental quality, and receive notice of any private or public complaints concerning ecology and environmental quality through the council.
- (5) Recommend programs for long-range implementation of environmental quality control.
- (6) Recommend such legislation as is necessary to preserve the environmental quality of the State.
- (7) Initiate public educational programs.
- (8) Offer advice and assistance to private industry, governmental agencies, or other persons upon request.

Sec. -5. Structure and functions of the ecology or environmental center.

(a) The center shall be so constituted as to make most effective the contribution of the university to the problems of determining and maintaining optimum environmental quality. Its membership shall be comprised of those members of the university community actively concerned with ecological and environmental problems.

(b) The functions of the center shall be to stimulate, expand, and coordinate education, research, and service efforts of the university related to ecologi-

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cal relationships, natural resources, and environmental quality, with special relation to human needs and social institutions, particularly with regard to the State.

Sec. -6. Functions of the environmental council. The council shall serve as a liaison between the director and the general public by soliciting information, opinions, complaints, recommendations and advice concerning ecology and environmental quality through public hearings or any other means and by publicizing such matters as requested by the director pursuant to section - 4(b) (4). The council may make recommendations concerning ecology and environmental quality to the director and shall meet at the call of the director."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$155,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purposes of this Act. Of this amount \$73,000 shall be expended by the university of Hawaii ecology or environmental center in accordance with a yearly contract, the terms and provisions of which shall be mutually agreed upon by the director of environmental quality control and the president of the university of Hawaii.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved June 22, 1970.)