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H. B. NO. 1515-70

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for a Study Relating to the Fixing of Financial and Criminal Responsibility for Damages Resulting from Oil Spills.

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

SECTION 1. Findings and declaration of necessity. The legislature hereby finds and declares that: (a) oil spills can cause considerable and costly damage to Hawaii's beach and harbor areas and marine environment; (b) there is presently no adequate law fixing financial responsibility or criminal responsibility for damage resulting from oil spills at sea or on land where oil may

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eventually enter the sea and providing a substantial penalty therefor; and (c) there is a need for a study related to the imposition of sanction for the discharge of oil where it will damage the marine environment or the beach or harbor areas of the State of Hawaii, and for suggested legislation to fix liability and impose substantial sanctions.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for a study relating to the fixing of financial and criminal responsibility for damages resulting from oil spills and to recommend legislation that would establish criminal liability and provide substantial penalties.

SECTION 3. Expending agency. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 22, 1970.)