H. B. NO. 344

A Bill for an Act Relating to an Appropriation for Cooperative Development Efforts Between the State and the Pacific Island Territories.

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

SECTION 1. Findings and purpose. (a) The legislature finds that (1) more benefit can be derived through cooperative economic projects in the development of fishing, tourism and oceanography, (2) the State's natural alliance in economic development endeavors is with the Pacific Territories, and (3) an agreement was signed by the Governors of Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory in February 1970, to cooperatively undertake development efforts in fisheries development, tourism promotion, visitor facilities development and control, and marine activities and research.

(b) The purpose of this Act is to fund cooperative economic development projects in the areas of fisheries development, tourism promotion, visitor facilities development and control, and oceanographic activities between the State and American Samoa, Guam and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended by the department of planning and economic development for the purposes of this Act; provided, that this appropriation may be expended only after being matched by the other members of the Pacific Islands Development Commission.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved May 28, 1971.)