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H.B. NO. 2363-74

A Bill for an Act Relating to a State Program for Energy Planning and Conservation.

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

SECTION 1. **Findings.** The Legislature finds that there now exists a serious shortage of petroleum products in the nation and in Hawaii; this shortage is affecting the economy of Hawaii and the daily lives of Hawaii's people. The general public needs to be fully informed of the implications of fuels and energy limitations. Planning needs to be undertaken and methods developed to encourage the resource development and conservation of fuels and energy. It is necessary that the people of Hawaii voluntarily reduce their consumption of fuels and energy and accelerate their efforts to develop new or alternative sources in order to meet their essential needs for the future.

SECTION 2. Chapter 201 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding thereto a new section to be appropriately designated and to read:

“Sec. 201- State program for energy planning and conservation. The department shall develop a state program for energy planning and conservation. The program shall consist of short- and long-range planning for the development and promulgation of methods to encourage voluntary conservation of gasoline, diesel oil, natural gas, propane, heating oils, other fuels, and electrical energy, and efficient development of new or alternative sources of such fuels and energy. The information resulting from such methods is to be disseminated to the people of Hawaii through all forms of mass communication media, public and private schools, private and civic organizations, and all other appropriate means. Public information offices of other

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State and county agencies may be called upon for assistance in the development of such program.”

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 14, 1974.)