

ACT 51

S.B. NO. 505

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Newspaper Antitrust Exemption.

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

SECTION 1. State law presently exempts certain joint newspaper operations from the provisions of state antitrust laws. This exemption is unnecessary, because federal law permits joint operating agreements between some newspapers, and state law cannot forbid what federal law allows or allow what is prohibited under federal law. Since the Hawaii law simply duplicates the federal statute, repealing it will eliminate a statutory redundancy, without altering the applicable law.

The purpose of this Act is to repeal the antitrust exemption for newspapers.

SECTION 2. Chapter 480, part II, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

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

(Approved April 18, 1986.)