

ACT 152

H.B. NO. 3441

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Capital Loan Program.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to amend the capital loan program to delete the requirement of having to be turned down by commercial lenders on participation loans and to allow the interest rate to fluctuate.

SECTION 2. Section 210-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§210-6 Direct loans, terms, and restrictions. The department of business and economic development may make loans to small business concerns for the financing of plant construction, conversion, expansion, the acquisition of land for expansion, the acquisition of equipment, machinery, supplies, or materials, or for the supplying of working capital. The loans may be made in conjunction with loans made by other financial institutions, including the SBA. Where the loans made by the department are secured, the security may be subordinated to the loans made by other financial institutions, when the subordination is required in order to obtain loans from such institutions. The necessity for and the extent of security required in any loan shall be determined by the director of business and economic development.

The foregoing powers shall be subject, however, to the following restrictions and limitations:

- (1) No loans shall be granted unless financial assistance is not available to the applicant. The condition may be waived by the director for participation loans with a private financial institution.
- (2) The amount of the loan or loans to any one applicant at any one time shall in no case exceed a total of \$1,000,000.
- (3) No loan shall be made for a term exceeding twenty years.
- (4) Each loan shall bear simple interest at [the] a rate [of seven and one-half per cent a year.] one per cent below the prime rate or at a rate of seven and one-half per cent a year, whichever is lower. For purposes of this paragraph, the prime rate shall be determined on January 1 and July 1 of each year, and shall be the rate charged by the two largest banks in the State of Hawaii identified by the department of commerce and consumer affairs. Should there be a difference in rate charged by the institutions, the lower of the two shall be utilized.
- (5) The commencement date for the repayment of the first installment on the principal of each loan may be deferred by the director, but in no event shall such initial payment be deferred in excess of five years.
- (6) The payment of interest on the principal of a loan may be deferred by the director, but in no event shall interest payments be deferred in excess of two years from the date of issuance of the loan.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved June 1, 1988.)