

ACT 255

H.B. NO. 2591

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to Develop and Implement Environmental Education Programs.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need to fund the development and implementation of an educational program to carry out the mandate of chapter 341, Hawaii Revised Statutes. One of the recurring problems that has come before the state environmental council over the years is the apparent lack of understanding by some agency staffs of the provisions of chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the environmental impact statement regulations. This educational program, which will be coordinated by the office of environmental quality control, will involve educational guidance to state and county agency staffs to ensure conformance with the environmental review procedures provided by chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes. It will also include workshops to be held throughout the state for agency staffs and the public on various environmental review procedures. The program will serve to point out the office of environmental quality control's responsibilities with regard to chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and its environmental coordinating functions.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$35,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1988-1989, to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of environmental quality control.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1988.

(Approved June 9, 1988.)