

ACT 278

S.B. NO. 2501

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Real Estate Commission.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for a temporary condominium specialist position in the real estate commission to respond to questions and problems associated with condominiums. The legislature finds that many of the recent concerns relating to condominiums result from a lack of a clear understanding of the condominium laws of this State, and that the condominium specialist position will help to clarify these laws. Additionally, this temporary position is also expected to help satisfy the need for many of the proposed legislative solutions, including the need for a condominium commission.

SECTION 2. The department of commerce and consumer affairs is authorized to establish and fill one temporary condominium specialist position exempt from the provisions of chapters 76 and 77 to assist consumers with information, advice, and referral on chapter 514A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and chapter 16-107, Hawaii administrative rules, relating to horizontal property regimes.

The condominium specialist shall have administrative, professional, and analytical work experience which demonstrates an ability to plan and coordinate activities and deal effectively with others.

To provide sufficient time for the condominium specialist to carry out the duties described in this Act, it is the legislative intent that this temporary position remain in existence until June 30, 1990.

Twenty days prior to the convening of the 1991 regular session, the department of commerce and consumer affairs shall submit to the legislature a report: evaluating the effectiveness of the position in responding to condominium-related inquiries; identifying any major problem areas; and, if appropriate, recommending legislation to resolve these problems.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$30,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1988-1989, to hire a temporary condominium specialist to carry out the purposes of this Act. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of commerce and consumer affairs.

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

(Approved June 13, 1988.)