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S.B. NO. 248

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for the Installation of Energy Efficient Lighting.

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

SECTION 1. Energy efficiency and conservation are major goals of state government in Hawaii. Considering the fact that oil is a nonreusable resource, wind and geothermal energy have not been fully developed, and the cost of energy

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is relatively high, energy efficiency and conservation is appealing as well as sensible.

Making full use of energy saving technology available for lighting could cut America's lighting costs by up to ninety-two per cent and save a quarter of all the electricity now used in the United States. The savings could begin with something as simple as replacing energy guzzling incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient fluorescent bulbs. Fluorescent bulbs produce better lighting than incandescent bulbs at a lower cost per energy watt.

State government should set an example by utilizing every means possible in making use of energy efficient devices such as fluorescent lighting devices. Aside from conserving energy, this has the added benefit of saving taxpayer dollars without jeopardizing the quality of service.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to purchase and install energy efficient lights in state office buildings selected by the department of accounting and general services.

SECTION 2. 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 1991-1992, to purchase and install high efficiency fluorescent lamps, ballasts, and fixtures, and H.I.D. high efficiency lamps, ballasts, and fixtures in existing state buildings as replacements for (1) less efficient fluorescent lamps, ballasts, and fixtures; (2) incandescent lamps and fixtures; or (3) obsolete mercury lamps and fixtures.

SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1991.

(Approved May 28, 1991.)