

**ACT 239**

H.B. NO. 640

A Bill for an Act Authorizing the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to Assist an Industrial Enterprise.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that relatively low prices in the past for oil and gas have contributed to an alarming lack of concern for the development of alternative energy resources. The legislature further finds that the development of these resources must occur before the world's petroleum resources are significantly depleted within the next twenty to twenty-five years based on current prices and technology. Alternate energy development must proceed before political or military conflicts involving the oil producing nations result in the escalation of prices to exorbitant levels or in the curtailment of the supply of oil from these nations.

The legislature finds and declares that the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act is in the public interest and for the public health, safety, and general welfare of the State.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the approval of the governor, is authorized to issue in one or more series special purpose revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, for the purpose of assisting the Island Power Company, a Hawaii corporation, in the construction and operation of the Lower Wailua Hydroelectric Project and related facilities on the Wailua River in the county of Kauai. The entire output of the plant shall be made available for use by members of the general public by sale to the Kauai Electric Division of Citizens Utilities Company. The legislature finds and determines that the activity and facilities of Island Power Company constitute a project as defined in part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and that the financing thereof is assistance to an industrial enterprise.

SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act shall be issued pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist industrial enterprises.

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

(Approved June 12, 1991.)