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H.B. NO. 2374

A Bill for an Act Relating to Ocean Resources.

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

SECTION 1. The department of land and natural resources may participate on behalf of the State of Hawaii with the states of Washington, California, Alaska, and Oregon in a joint liaison program with the Center for Ocean Analysis and Prediction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The objective of the program shall be to assist the states in taking maximum advantage of the oceanographic data, products, and services available from the federal government through the Center for Ocean Analysis and Prediction.

SECTION 2. The liaison program shall:

- (1) Assist state and local governments to become fully aware of oceanographic data and products available from the federal government and in particular from the Center for Ocean Analysis and Prediction;
- (2) Assist the Center for Ocean Analysis and Prediction and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to become more fully aware of state and local problems and the requirements of state and local governments; and
- (3) Assist in setting up lines of communication to move oceanographic data and products from the Center for Ocean Analysis and Prediction to the people in the states who need those data and products.

The liaison program shall also include workshops for small groups of technical

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experts from state and local governments, academic institutions, and the private sector. The workshops shall be held at the Center for Ocean Analysis and Prediction in Monterey, California, and at other facilities in the western states as appropriate.

SECTION 3. The department of land and natural resources, in cooperation with the office of state planning, shall integrate data obtained through the liaison program for use by other state agencies and maximize the use of the Hawaii statewide Geographic Information System.

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

(Approved June 4, 1992.)