

ACT 146

S.B. NO. 500

A Bill for an Act Relating to Measurement Standards.

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

SECTION 1. Current regulation requires trucks with meters and other commercial sales meters to have devices that continuously compensate for temperature changes in the sale of fuels other than during bulk transfers. The legislature finds that it is not necessary to require such devices because Hawaii does not have a widely fluctuating temperature range.

The purpose of this Act is to eliminate the need for these devices for sales of less than bulk amounts of petroleum products (under 200 gallons per minute). This Act would not change the requirement to have automatic temperature compensation for bulk transfers into trucks at terminals. The consumer and the public are still protected because sales to end users are corrected twice: once automatically at the terminal and again by the existing standard temperature protocol at retail and commercial meters. In addition, this Act will save the government money by reducing the need for the department of agriculture, division of measurement standards, to train staff, acquire test equipment, establish test protocols, and to certify such devices.

SECTION 2. Section 486-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§486-52 Measurement standard. (a) Any petroleum product which is in a liquid state under conditions of [760] seven hundred sixty millimeters of Hg at sixty

degrees fahrenheit shall be measured in terms of the U.S. petroleum gallon; its multiple or decimal submultiples, or compatible units of the SI as established by rule of the board.

(b) Any petroleum product which is in a vapor state under conditions of 258.575 millimeters or less of Hg at sixty degrees fahrenheit shall be measured in terms of cubic feet or in terms of a U. S. petroleum gallon, their multiples or decimal submultiples, or compatible units of the SI as established by rule of the board.

(c) Any device required to automatically compensate for temperature shall only apply to metered sales of liquid petroleum products that have a rated capacity of two hundred gallons per minute or more; provided that whenever a partial compartment or partial tank truck load is delivered, it shall be delivered through a meter that meets the requirements specified in rules adopted by the department.’’

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved June 13, 1995.)