ACT 245

H.B. NO. 2539

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Environmental Response Revolving Fund.

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

SECTION 1. Section 128D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by

amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) Moneys from the fund shall be expended by the department for response actions and preparedness, including removal and remedial actions, consistent with this chapter; provided that the revenues generated by the "environmental response tax" and deposited into the environmental response revolving fund:

(1) Shall also be used:

(A) For oil spill planning, prevention, preparedness, education, research, training, removal, and remediation; and

(B) For direct support for county used oil recycling programs; and
May also be used to support environmental protection and natural resource protection programs, including but not limited to energy conservation and alternative energy development, and to address concerns related to air quality, global warming, clean water, polluted runoff, solid and hazardous waste, drinking water, and underground storage tanks, including support for the underground storage tank program of the department and funding for the acquisition by the State of a soil remediation site and facility."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved June 19, 2000.)