

S.B. NO. 1364

JAN 22 2007

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL SITE CLEANUP.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to repeal the sunset
2 date of the Hawaii brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund, to
3 enable the State to continue to offer low-cost loans to eligible
4 borrowers for the cleanup of contaminated properties.

5 SECTION 2. Act 173, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002, is amended
6 by amending section 5 to read as follows:

7 "SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2002[
8 ~~and shall be repealed on June 30, 2007~~]."

9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

BY REQUEST

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT Business, Economic Development and Tourism

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL SITE CLEANUP.

PURPOSE: To repeal the sunset date of the Hawaii brownfields revolving loan fund to enable the State to continue to offer low-cost loans to enable eligible borrowers for the cleanup of contaminated properties.

MEANS: Amend Act 173, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002.

JUSTIFICATION: The Hawaii brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund offers low-cost cleanup loans to redevelopers of environmentally contaminated sites. The revolving loan fund is capitalized with \$1.9 million in funds from an Environmental Protection Agency grant. Act 173 which establishes the revolving loan fund sunsets June 30, 2007. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is currently reviewing its first loan application request for approximately \$950,000. The repeal is necessary to allow the program to continue to offer loans and receive repayments.

Impact on the public: Public health will be favorably impacted by the clean up of contaminated sites. The blighted areas will be redeveloped into economically and socially beneficial uses including but not limited to housing, commercial and retail buildings, and open space.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The bill will allow the program to continue to offer loans. The loans will result in the clean up of contaminated sites and the reuse of these sites for such uses as housing, commercial

and retail buildings, and open space. These uses, particularly the business uses, contribute to the department's economic development goals.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: BED-144.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Office of Planning, Department of Health
and other state agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.