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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GASOLINE DEALERS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many retail gasoline  
2 stations in the State charge their customers for access to  
3 water. The legislature finds that water is essential to the  
4 safe operation of motor vehicles on the roads of the State. In  
5 addition, with gasoline prices rising, it is imperative that  
6 motorists keep their automobiles running at optimum condition to  
7 maximize fuel efficiency. Adequate water levels keep automobile  
8 engines cool and contribute to obtaining the optimum miles per  
9 gallon. The legislature further finds that access to potable  
10 water will allow persons to promote good hygiene by washing  
11 their hands after handling dirty gas pumps or coming into  
12 contact with gasoline and other automotive fluids. This may  
13 help prevent the spread of diseases, such as H1N1 influenza, and  
14 promote the safe operation of motor vehicles. Additionally, the  
15 legislature finds that California has recognized the importance  
16 of this issue, and its legislature recently passed legislation  
17 requiring retail gas stations to provide free air and water to  
18 motorists for these purposes.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require retail service  
2 stations in Hawaii to provide customers who purchase motor  
3 vehicle fuel with free access to potable water.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 486H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§486H- Provision of potable water. (a) Every retail  
8 station, during operating hours, shall provide and make  
9 available at no cost to customers who purchase motor vehicle  
10 fuel, potable water for use in servicing the vehicle for which  
11 the motor vehicle fuel was purchased or for washing their hands  
12 after dispensing fuel. Servicing the vehicle does not include  
13 washing the vehicle.

14 (b) Violations of this section shall be subject to a civil  
15 fine of not more than \$1,000 per day of violation."

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on September 1,  
18 2010.

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**Report Title:**

Gasoline Dealers

**Description:**

Requires gasoline dealers to provide access to water at no cost to customers who purchase motor vehicle fuel.

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