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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. Water is essential to the safe operation of motor  
4 vehicles on Hawaii's roads. In addition, with gasoline prices  
5 rising, it is imperative that motorists keep their automobiles  
6 running at optimum condition to maximize fuel efficiency.  
7 Adequate water levels keep automobile engines cool and  
8 contribute to obtaining the optimum miles per gallon.

9           The legislature further finds that access to potable water  
10 promotes good hygiene by allowing people to wash their hands  
11 after handling dirty gas pumps or coming into contact with  
12 gasoline and other automotive fluids. This may also help  
13 prevent the spread of diseases, such as H1N1 influenza.  
14 California has recognized the importance of this issue and its  
15 legislature recently passed legislation requiring retail gas  
16 stations to provide free water, as well as air, to motorists for  
17 these purposes.



1           The purpose of this Act is to require retail service  
2 stations to provide customers that purchase motor vehicle fuel  
3 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 its 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 July 1, 2112.



**Report Title:**  
Gasoline Dealers

**Description:**  
Requires gasoline dealers to provide access to water at no cost to customers who purchase motor vehicle fuel. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB2131 HD1)

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