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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is dependent
2 on imported fuel for the generation of the vast majority of
3 electricity in the State. In addition to making Hawaii's energy
4 supply vulnerable to external market forces, using fossil fuels
5 to generate power creates pollution that damages Hawaii's
6 natural environment and contributes to global warming and
7 climate change. It is in Hawaii's best interest to conserve
8 energy wherever possible, and the use of energy efficient
9 appliances is one method that would produce savings in every
10 household and business.

11 The legislature finds that California has become a pioneer
12 in this area of conservation by adopting strict appliance
13 efficiency regulations. Over the past decade, the energy
14 savings resulting from California's regulations is believed to
15 have saved that state from having to build twenty new power
16 plants. Moreover, these efficiency standards are a significant



1 reason why California is in the bottom fifth of all states for
2 per capita electricity use.

3 The legislature finds that Hawaii would benefit from the
4 development of efficiency standards for appliances sold in the
5 State. Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to direct the
6 department of business, economic development, and tourism to
7 adopt rules that establish appliance energy efficiency standards
8 consistent with those in California.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§196- Appliance energy efficiency; rules. (a)
13 Beginning January 1, 2011, no new appliance shall be sold or
14 offered for sale in the State that does not meet the standards
15 for energy efficiency as established by rules adopted pursuant
16 to this section.

17 (b) No later than January 1, 2010, the director of
18 business, economic development, and tourism shall adopt rules
19 pursuant to chapter 91 for the energy efficiency of new
20 appliances sold or offered for sale in Hawaii. Rules adopted
21 pursuant to this subsection shall be consistent with the
22 appliance efficiency regulations found in the California Code of



1 Regulations, Title 20: Division 2, Chapter 4, Article, 4,
2 Sections 1601-1608, as amended."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Energy Efficiency; Appliances

Description:

Directs the department of business, economic, development and tourism to adopt rules pertaining to appliance efficiency that are consistent with the California Appliance Efficiency Regulations. Prohibits the sale of appliances in the State after January 1, 2011, that do not meet efficiency standards.

