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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ETHANOL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in some states, the
2 mandated use of renewable fuels has created some economic
3 benefit because those states are able to produce or cheaply
4 import renewable fuels. In Hawaii, however, despite the fact
5 that dozens of biomass, biodiesel, and ethanol facilities have
6 been proposed for Hawaii, no ethanol plants exist in Hawaii at
7 this time. Therefore, the requirement of blending ethanol into
8 Hawaii's gasoline produces no economic benefit for Hawaii,
9 requires the import of ethanol into Hawaii, and creates an
10 economic burden for our residents.

11 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the director of
12 business, economic development, and tourism to allow the sale of
13 motor vehicle gasoline that does not contain ethanol unless
14 sufficient quantities of locally produced ethanol or biofuel
15 crops have been produced and are available to meet the
16 requirements under existing law.

17 SECTION 2. Section 486J-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with
2 chapter 91 to require that gasoline sold in the State for use in
3 motor vehicles contain ten per cent ethanol by volume[-];
4 provided that no gasoline sold in the State for use in motor
5 vehicles shall be required to contain any ethanol unless ethanol
6 or biofuel crops have been produced in Hawaii in sufficient
7 quantities and are available to meet the minimum requirements of
8 this section. The amounts of gasoline sold in the State
9 containing ten per cent ethanol shall be in accordance with
10 rules as the director may deem appropriate. The director may
11 authorize the sale of gasoline that does not meet these
12 requirements as provided in subsection (d)."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Description:

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