
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

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

1 SECTION 1. Historically, daylight saving time was a means
2 to conserve fuel during wartime, perhaps most notably utilized
3 by the United States and various European countries during World
4 War I. Studies conducted by the United States Department of
5 Transportation have concluded that daylight saving time trims
6 the entire country's electricity usage by a small but
7 significant amount due to less demand for lighting and
8 appliances.

9 The United States Congress has found that daylight saving
10 time may yield energy savings in other areas besides electrical
11 power consumption and that it could serve as an incentive for
12 further energy conservation by individuals, companies, and
13 agencies at all levels of government. Congress has also found
14 that the use of daylight saving time could have other beneficial
15 effects, including the reduction of crime, improved traffic
16 safety, more daylight outdoor playtime for children, greater
17 utilization of recreation areas, and expanded economic
18 opportunities.



1 Although Hawaii briefly observed daylight saving time
2 during World War II and has considered legislation to adopt it
3 numerous times since then, no studies have been done to assess
4 the potential economic impact of adopting daylight saving time.

5 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
6 business, economic development, and tourism to study the
7 potential economic impacts that would result from the State's
8 observance of daylight saving time.

9 SECTION 2. (a) The department of business, economic
10 development, and tourism shall conduct a study of the potential
11 economic impacts that would result from the State's observance
12 of daylight saving time. The study shall include analyses of:

- 13 (1) Potential energy savings;
- 14 (2) The effects on local businesses of increased daylight
15 time during regular business hours;
- 16 (3) The effects on local businesses' ability to transact
17 with mainland and international companies; and
- 18 (4) Any other relevant considerations.

19 (b) The department of business, economic development, and
20 tourism shall submit a written report of its findings and
21 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



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1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the regular session of 2015.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
6 department of business, economic development, and tourism to
7 conduct a study of the potential economic impacts that would
8 result from the State's observance of daylight saving time.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
11 this Act.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

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Description:

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