

ACT 142

S.B. NO. 2363

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to Assist Manufacturing Enterprises.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds and declares that the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act is in the public interest and for the public health, safety, and general welfare. Presently, the State's economy is highly concentrated in a few industries and diversification of the State's economy is urgently needed to provide a broader economic base to create new employment opportunities, to increase tax revenues, and to stimulate the infusion of new capital into the State, which will ultimately improve the general welfare and economic well-being of residents of Hawaii.

The legislature further finds that a project with significant potential to stimulate new enterprises and to provide new and increased employment opportunities has been undertaken by Chronar Corporation, or its subsidiaries, and Energy Conversion Devices, Inc., or its subsidiaries, to manufacture amorphous silicon alloy

photovoltaic products or devices using a multijunction approach which yields stable and efficient solar cells on flexible, unbreakable substrates.

The legislature finds that part III, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, permits the State to financially assist manufacturing enterprises through the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds.

SECTION 2. The department of budget and finance, with the approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 in one or more series for the purpose of assisting Energy Conversion Devices, Inc., a Michigan corporation, or its subsidiaries, or Chronar Corporation, or its subsidiaries, or a partnership in which either Energy Conversion Devices, Inc., or Chronar Corporation is a general partner, in the generation of new capital for the manufacture of amorphous silicon alloy photovoltaics products or devices in Hawaii. The legislature finds and determines that the activities and facilities of Energy Conversion Devices, Inc., or its subsidiaries, and of Chronar Corporation, or its subsidiaries, constitute a project as defined in part III, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the financing thereof is assistance to a manufacturing enterprise.

SECTION 3. The department of business and economic development, with assistance from the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute, shall perform a technical and economic analysis of both Energy Conversion Devices, Inc., and Chronar Corporation and recommend one of them to the department of budget and finance to be assisted by the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act.

SECTION 4. The special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act shall be issued pursuant to part III, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist manufacturing enterprises.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 1, 1988.)