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S.B. NO. 2868

A Bill for an Act Relating to Smoking.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to extend to those working on behalf of the State the protections against exposure to secondhand smoke which have already been provided to those working in government offices. The legislature has previously recognized the dangers of breathing secondhand smoke and continues to work toward improving the safety of the working environment. Smoking is known to be the single most important preventable cause of death in the nation and breathing secondhand smoke has been shown to be dangerous to those in confined places such as offices. This Act will specifically expand Chapter 328K, Smoking, Part II Smoking in the Workplace to apply the regulations of smoking in the office workplace to any private corporation, firm, or association receiving state funding pursuant to Chapter 42.

SECTION 2. Section 328K-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definitions of “employer” and “office workplace” to read:

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“ “Employer” means any state or county agency[.], or any private corporation, firm, or association which receives state funds under chapter 42.

“Office workplace” means any enclosed structure or portion thereof used by [governmental entities.] an employer.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that all employers affected by the expanded definitions in Section 2 shall adopt smoking policies within three months of the effective date of this Act.

(Approved June 13, 1988.)