

ACT 254

H.B. NO. 869

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for a Study on Energy Efficient Transportation Strategies.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that transportation is responsible for an inordinate amount of fuel consumption, including fuel used in motor vehicles, buses, and jet planes. The legislature further finds that reducing the demand for fuel in transportation modalities would greatly reduce our dependence on oil.

The Hawaii energy policy forum, a part of the social sciences public policy center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, proposes to conduct a study on energy-efficient transportation strategies in conjunction with the department of business, economic development, and tourism.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii to conduct a study on energy-efficient transportation strategies.

SECTION 2. (a) The Hawaii energy policy forum at the University of Hawaii at Manoa shall conduct a study on energy-efficient transportation strategies in conjunction with the department of business, economic development, and tourism.

(b) The energy-efficient transportation strategies study under subsection (a) shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) Developing tangible goals, objectives, desired outcomes, and actions to implement an energy-efficient transportation strategy;
- (2) Developing implementation benchmarks for measuring outcomes of energy-efficient transportation strategies; and
- (3) A cost-benefit analysis of each energy-efficient transportation strategy.

(c) The social sciences public policy center shall engage and integrate Hawaii's business, government, labor, and community leaders into the study on energy-efficient transportation strategies.

(d) The department of business, economic development, and tourism shall consult with and otherwise assist the social sciences public policy center at the

University of Hawaii at Manoa on the energy-efficient transportation strategies study.

(e) The Hawaii energy policy forum shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2008.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for a study on energy-efficient transportation strategies.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of Hawaii social sciences public policy center for the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

(Approved July 5, 2007.)