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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair

By: Richard C. Botti, President

Re: HB 2131 RELATING TO GASOLINE DEALERS.

Chairs & Committee Members:

We oppose this measure as an unfunded mandate. These amenities should be as an amenity that is offered at the firms designation. Many gasoline dealers provide this service as a coin operated vending option. This choice should be up to the owner of the location. The consumer has the power to choose where they purchase gasoline. To place a monetary fine for not providing free air and/or water should not be something that is legislated.



## **Western States Petroleum Association**

House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business & Military Affairs

DATE: Thursday, February 4, 2010  
TIME: 8:00 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 312  
RE: HB 2131

I am testifying on behalf of Western States Petroleum Association (known as WSPA) in opposition to HB 2131. WSPA is a non-profit trade association representing a broad spectrum of petroleum industry companies in Hawaii and five other western states.

HB 2131 would require retail service stations to provide customers who purchase motor vehicle fuel with free access to potable water. WSPA cannot support HB 2131 in its current form for the reasons cited below:

- Requirements would be financially burdensome for operators at some locations that would require capital improvements in order to become compliant.
- If law were adopted, it needs to be applied across all facilities transacting with the public in order to avoid market distortions that could place some retailers at a competitive disadvantage.
- Law is vague as to what constitutes compliance.
- Law does not allow flexibility for those attempting to meet compliance.

Thank you for giving WSPA the opportunity to testify today.