



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. 673

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 26, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1021 HD2 SD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO
PUBLIC UTILITIES.
(ACT 143)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2005
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1021
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 269-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) The chairperson of the public utilities commission
4 may appoint and employ [~~such~~] clerks, stenographers, agents,
5 engineers, accountants, and other assistants for the public
6 utilities commission as the chairperson finds necessary for the
7 performance of the commission's functions and define their
8 powers and duties. The chairperson may appoint and, at
9 pleasure, dismiss a chief administrator [~~, research assistants,~~
10 ~~economists, legal secretaries, enforcement officers,~~] and [~~such~~]
11 hearings officers as may be necessary. Notwithstanding section
12 103D-209(b), the chairperson shall appoint one or more attorneys
13 independent of the attorney general who shall act as attorneys
14 for the commission and define their powers and duties and fix
15 their compensation. The chief administrator [~~, research~~
16 ~~assistants, economists, legal secretaries, enforcement officers,~~
17 ~~hearings officers,~~] and attorneys shall be exempt from chapter
18 76. Research assistants, economists, legal secretaries, utility



1 analysts, legal assistants, and enforcement officers may be
2 appointed with or without regard to chapter 76. Other employees
3 shall be appointed as may be needed by the chairperson in
4 accordance with chapter 76."

5 SECTION 2. The public utilities commission shall conduct
6 an in-depth review of its organization to develop a
7 comprehensive plan to restructure and supplement the commission
8 and its resources to function more effectively and efficiently
9 in light of, among other matters, changing regulatory
10 conditions, duties, and requirements and advances in technology;
11 and submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days
12 before the convening of the regular session of 2007. In the
13 report, the public utilities commission shall specify the
14 specific types and numbers of positions, and the amounts
15 necessary to restructure the commission and supplement its
16 resources as may be necessary and appropriate; and propose any
17 necessary legislation.

18 SECTION 3. The division of consumer advocacy shall conduct
19 an in-depth review of its organization to develop a
20 comprehensive plan to restructure and supplement the division
21 and its resources to function more effectively and efficiently
22 in light of, among other matters, changing regulatory



1 conditions, duties, and requirements and advances in technology;
2 and submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days
3 before the convening of the regular session of 2007. In the
4 report, the division of consumer advocacy shall specify the
5 specific types and numbers of positions, and the amounts
6 necessary to restructure the division and supplement its
7 resources as may be necessary and appropriate; and propose any
8 necessary legislation.

9 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

APPROVED this 26 day of MAY, 2006



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

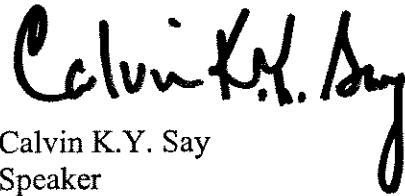


HB No. 1021 HD 2 SD 2 CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker
House of Representatives



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Robert Bunda
President of the Senate



Paul Kawaguchi
Clerk of the Senate