

Honolulu, Hawaii
Ag-128, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1021
H.D. 2
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1021, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission to appoint utility analysts and legal assistants, and require that the appointed utility analysts and legal assistants be exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



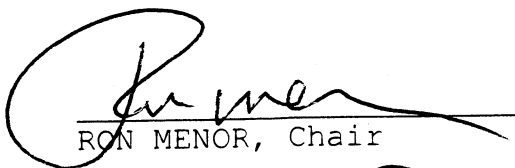
- (1) Authorizing the chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission to appoint utility analysts and legal assistants, as well as, research assistants, economists, legal secretaries, and enforcement officers with or without regard to chapter 76;
- (2) Requiring the Public Utilities Commission and the Division of Consumer Advocacy to conduct an in-depth review of their respective operations to develop a plan to restructure and supplement their resources and to submit a report, together with any necessary legislation, specifying what additional resources are necessary to function more effectively and efficiently; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for clarity, style, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1021, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1021, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

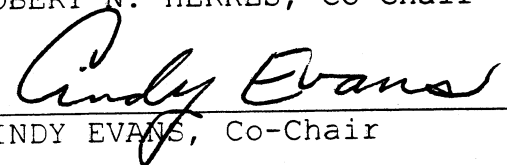
ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE


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