

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2959

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2275

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 2275 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR  
ELECTRICITY PAYMENTS STATEWIDE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency  
appropriation for statewide electricity payments for facilities  
assigned to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that the steady rise in world oil prices  
has directly contributed in a \$1,276,000 shortfall for fiscal year  
2005-2006. Even with conservation measures, the electricity  
needed to run public buildings to sustain ongoing state operations  
is costing more simply because the cost per kilowatt hour is  
higher. DAGS cannot afford to absorb those higher costs without  
jeopardizing the provision of other services in the custodial  
services program that are necessary for health and safety.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Transportation and Government Operations that is  
attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the  
intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2275, and recommends that it pass  
Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
Government Operations,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



