

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2238

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 S.B. No. 2238 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
(DAGS).

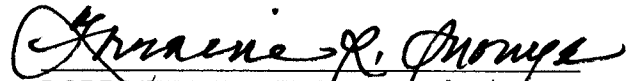
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from DAGS.

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 S.B. No. 2238 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



