
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR ELECTRICITY PAYMENTS
STATEWIDE.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
5 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
6 7-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
7 that the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2006-
8 2007 (established at \$5,357,987,705 on November 8, 2006) has
9 already been exceeded by \$90,137,694 or 1.68 per cent. The
10 appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state
11 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2006-2007 to be
12 exceeded by an additional \$626,000, or an additional .012 per
13 cent. The calculation contained in the foregoing sentence
14 relates only to the amount of general funds appropriated in this
15 Act for fiscal year 2006-2007. The reasons for exceeding the
16 general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriations



1 made in this Act are necessary to serve the public interest and
2 to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
4 appropriation to address a projected \$626,000 deficit in
5 electricity payments for the department of accounting and
6 general services managed facilities statewide. Since local
7 utility companies are dependent upon oil as the primary source
8 of fuel, high world oil prices have directly contributed to this
9 shortfall. Although kilowatt per hour consumption has remained
10 flat or decreased, increased worldwide demand and geopolitical
11 concerns all contribute to keep oil prices high. Based on a
12 combination of actual bills paid and projected cost, the
13 shortfall for fiscal year 2006-2007 is anticipated to be
14 \$626,000 statewide. Without an emergency appropriation, the
15 program must defer payment on its June 2007 bill.

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$626,000, or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the
19 purpose of paying electricity bills. The sum appropriated shall
20 be expended by the department of accounting and general
21 services.

22 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation; Electricity

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2006-2007 to cover statewide budgetary shortfalls in electricity payments for facilities assigned to DAGS. (SD1)

