

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1516

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1338
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1338, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to investigate the power outages on Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii following the earthquake on October 15, 2006.

More specifically, the bill provides for an emergency appropriation to the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to investigate the reasonableness of the post-earthquake responses of Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiaries.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the Public Utilities Commission and the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

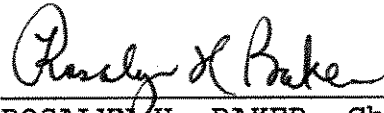
Your Committee finds that the earthquake of October 15, 2006, caused power outages on the islands of Maui, Oahu, and Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that an emergency appropriation of \$100,000 permits the Division of Consumer Advocacy to continue to advocate on behalf of consumers by investigating the power outages and hiring an independent expert to finalize the investigation.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1338, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1338 HD2, SDI	CPH, WAM	3/20/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.				/
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	7	0	0	4
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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