

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1141

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 14, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 14, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1055, H.D. 1,
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.
ACT 041

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on MAY 14 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 041
H.B. NO. 1055
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION.

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. The legislature finds that the devastating Maui
5 wildfires on August 8, 2023, was one of the worst natural
6 disasters in the State's history.

7 The legislature further finds that in response to the
8 growing threat of wildfires and other natural hazards, the
9 public utilities commission plays a critical role in the State's
10 efforts to strengthen critical infrastructure, mitigate risks,
11 protect utility customers, and ensure robust recovery following
12 extreme weather events.

13 To effectively address these challenges, it is urgently
14 imperative for the public utilities commission to strengthen the
15 resilience and reliability of electric utility services in the
16 State. These initiatives will require consultants with



1 specialized expertise to provide technical assessments,
2 evaluations, and recommendations for mitigating storm-related
3 power outages, restoring the grid, rebuilding Maui
4 infrastructure, and preparing for direct impacts of other
5 natural disasters to the State.

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make an
7 emergency appropriation out of the public utilities commission
8 special fund for the public utilities commission to procure the
9 services of specialized consultants to assist with the efforts
10 to strengthen the resilience and reliability of electric utility
11 services in the State, including helping review wildfire
12 mitigation plans of regulated public utilities.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the public
14 utilities commission special fund established by section 269-33,
15 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$700,000 or so much thereof
16 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to contract
17 consultant services for utility dockets to assist with the
18 efforts to strengthen the resilience and reliability of electric
19 utility services in the State, including helping review wildfire
20 mitigation plans of regulated public utilities.



- 1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the public
- 2 utilities commission for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



H.B. NO. 1055
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 14th day of May, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonn A. Aiona". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "A".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1055, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives

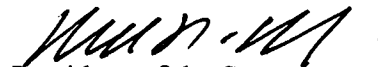



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate