

ACT 191

H.B. NO. 3431

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Division of Consumer Advocacy.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 269-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§269-52 Division of consumer advocacy; personnel. There shall be a division of consumer advocacy within the department of commerce and consumer affairs to provide administrative support to the director of commerce and consumer affairs acting in the capacity of consumer advocate. The director may employ and at pleasure dismiss an executive administrator, who shall be exempt from chapters 76 and 77, may define the executive administrator’s powers and duties, and fix the executive administrator’s compensation. The director may employ engineers, accountants, investigators, clerks, and stenographers[, and other assistants] as may be necessary for the performance of the consumer advocate’s functions, [subject to] in accordance with chapters 76 and 77[.]; provided that the director may employ up to two telecommunications or energy utility planning analysts exempt from chapters 76 and 77; and provided further that each analyst shall possess at least the minimum qualifications required of comparable experts in the respective industries. The annual compensation for each analyst shall not be more than \$55,000.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 21, 1994.)