

**ACT 68**

H.B. NO. 1338

A Bill for an Act Making Emergency Appropriations for the Division of Consumer Advocacy.

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

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

SECTION 2. The purpose of this Act is to provide emergency appropriations for the division of consumer advocacy of the department of commerce and consumer affairs to investigate the power outages that occurred on October 15, 2006, on the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii.

The legislature finds and declares that the appropriations under this Act are in the public interest and are necessary for the protection of the consumers of electric services in the State.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the public utilities commission special fund the sum of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2006-2007 to be deposited into the compliance resolution fund.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the compliance resolution fund the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to investigate the power outages that occurred on October 15, 2006, on the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. The division of consumer advocacy shall submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the regular session of 2008 providing:

- (1) The date of each expenditure;
- (2) The identity of any recipient of payments for each expenditure; and
- (3) The scope of the consultant contract for which each expenditure was provided.

SECTION 6. Any provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the appropriations authorized under this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation was made. All unexpended and unencumbered balances of the appropriations made in this Act as of the close of business on June 30, 2008, shall lapse.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 11, 2007.)