

### GOV. MSG. NO. 555

#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR

March 25, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on March 25, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

HB3038

A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR ELECTRICITY PAYMENTS STATEWIDE. (ACT 003)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

e we see the

# ACT 003 H.B. NO. 3038

### 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. The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
- 5 appropriation to address a projected \$1,000,000 deficit in
- 6 electricity payments for the department of accounting and
- 7 general services managed facilities statewide. Since local
- 8 utility companies are dependent upon oil as the primary source
- 9 of fuel, the high world oil prices have directly contributed to
- 10 this shortfall. Although kilowatt per hour consumption has
- 11 remained flat or decreased, increased worldwide demand, the
- 12 threat of terrorism, geopolitical concerns, oil processing
- 13 glitches and natural disasters all contribute to keep oil prices
- 14 high and can further increase oil prices in the near future.
- 15 Based on a combination of actual bills paid and projected cost,
- the shortfall for fiscal year 2007-2008 is \$1,000,000 for Oahu

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1	and the neighbor islands. Without an emergency appropriation,
2	the program must defer payment on its May and June 2008 bills.
3	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000, or so
5	much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2007-2008 for
6	the purpose of paying electricity bills. The sum appropriated
7	shall be expended by the department of accounting and general
8	services.
9	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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12	BY REQUEST  JAN 2 2 2008

APPROVED this 25 day of MAR , 2008

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII