

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1424

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and  
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1424 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 make an emergency  
appropriation of \$250,000 to allow the Division of Consumer  
Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to  
investigate the power outages that occurred throughout the State  
following the October 15, 2006, earthquakes.

Your Committee has received testimony 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, following the power outages that  
occurred on the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii after the  
earthquakes of October 15, 2006, an investigation was opened by  
the Division of Consumer Advocacy to examine whether the  
electrical utilities that experienced island-wide power outages  
acted in a reasonable manner prior and subsequent to the outages.  
This measure will provide an emergency appropriation to the  
Division of Consumer Advocacy for the hiring of a consultant to  
investigate the power outages and will assist the Division of  
Consumer Advocacy in meeting its mandate to represent consumers'  
interests.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1424 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Affordable  
Housing,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing**  
**CPH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1424</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/7/2007</b>		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">David Y. Ige</div>				
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