



GOV. MSG. NO. 727

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

April 3, 2007

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 April 3, 2007, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1226 HD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY  
APPROPRIATION FOR ELECTRICITY PAYMENTS  
STATEWIDE.  
(ACT 005)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor  
on APR 3 2007

**ACT 005**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007  
STATE OF HAWAII

**H.B. NO.** 1226  
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## 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 \$626,000 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, high world oil prices have directly contributed to this  
10 shortfall. Although kilowatt per hour consumption has remained  
11 flat or decreased, increased worldwide demand and geopolitical  
12 concerns all contribute to keep oil prices high. Based on a  
13 combination of actual bills paid and projected cost, the  
14 shortfall for fiscal year 2006-2007 is anticipated to be  
15 \$626,000 statewide. Without an emergency appropriation, the  
16 program must defer payment on its June 2007 bill.



1 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of  
2 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and  
3 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined  
4 that the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2006-  
5 2007 has already been exceeded by \$90,137,694 or 1.68 per cent.  
6 The appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state  
7 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2006-2007 to be  
8 exceeded by an additional \$626,000, or an additional 0.012 per  
9 cent. The calculation contained in the foregoing sentence  
10 relates only to the amount of general funds appropriated in this  
11 Act for fiscal year 2006-2007. The reasons for exceeding the  
12 general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriations  
13 made in this Act are necessary to serve the public interest and  
14 to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

15 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$626,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the  
18 purpose of paying electricity bills.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
20 accounting and general services.

21 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



APPROVED this 3 day of APR, 2007



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII