STAND. COM. REP. NO. 123

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1338

H.D. 2 S.D. 1

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 H.B. No. 1338, H.D. 2, 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 \$100,000 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 received testimony in support of this measure from the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Public Utilities Commission.

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.

Your Committee has amended this measure to make technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and style.

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 H.B. No. 1338, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1338, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, 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, C

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing CPH

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Will Gyro					
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