

**ACT 54**

**H.B. NO. 273**

**A Bill for an Act Relating to the Subpoena Powers of the Director of the Department  
of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 26-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (i) to read:

“(i) In the course of an investigation of matters affecting the interest of consumers, depositors, or investors or of any other matter within the jurisdiction of the department, the director shall have the power to subpoena witnesses, examine them under oath, and require the production of books, papers, documents, or objects which the director deems relevant or material to the inquiry. [Under] Upon application by the director, obedience to the subpoena may be enforced by the circuit court in the county where the person subpoenaed resides or is found in the same manner as a subpoena issued by the clerk of a circuit court.

The director shall appoint and commission one or more investigators to serve subpoenas as the exigencies of the public service may require. Subpoenas served by persons appointed and commissioned by the director shall have the same force and effect as subpoenas served by police officers or deputy sheriffs. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to entitle persons commissioned and appointed by the director to retirement benefits applicable to police officers under chapter 88. [This subsection is repealed effective July 1, 1983.<sup>1</sup>]

**SECTION 2.** Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 18, 1983.)

**Note**

1. Parentheses missing.