



GOV. MSG. NO. 1108

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

April 16, 2015

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 16, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

HB928

**RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
ACT 008 (15)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaii

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Approved by the Governor
on APR 16 2015

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 269-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) If the public utilities commission is of the opinion
4 that any public utility or any person is violating or neglecting
5 to comply with any provision of this chapter or of any rule,
6 regulation, order, or other requirement of the commission, or of
7 any provisions of its franchise, charter, or articles of
8 association, if any, or that changes, additions, extensions, or
9 repairs are desirable in its plant or service to meet the
10 reasonable convenience or necessity of the public, or to insure
11 greater safety or security, or that any rates, fares,
12 classifications, charges, or rules are unreasonable or
13 unreasonably discriminatory, or that in any way it is doing what
14 it ought not to do, or not doing what it ought to do, it shall
15 in writing inform the public utility or the person and may
16 institute such proceedings before it as may be necessary to
17 require the public utility or the person to correct any such
18 deficiency. In such event, the commission may by order direct

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1 the [~~director of commerce and consumer affairs~~] consumer
 2 advocate to appear in such proceeding, to carry out the purposes
 3 of this section. The commission may examine into any of the
 4 matters referred to in section 269-7, notwithstanding that the
 5 same may be within the jurisdiction of any court or other body;
 6 provided that this section shall not be construed as in any
 7 manner limiting or otherwise affecting the jurisdiction of any
 8 such court or other body."

9 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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 13 INTRODUCED BY: 
 14 BY REQUEST

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APPROVED this 16 day of APR, 2015


 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII