

TESTIMONY OF RANDY I. IWASE
CHAIR, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

February 4, 2015
2:45 p.m.

MEASURE: H.B. No. 410

TITLE: Relating to Auditing the Public Utilities Commission

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and Members of the Committee:

DESCRIPTION:

This measure proposes to amend Chapter 23, Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”), to require the auditor to conduct “at least every five years a management and financial audit of the public utilities commission to determine if the commission is in compliance with all relevant programmatic and financial requirements.” The Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) is required to compensate the auditor for expenditures incurred by the auditor in conducting the management and financial audit.

POSITION:

The Commission would like to offer the following comments for the Committee’s consideration.

COMMENTS:

Numerous steps have been taken to reorganize the Commission and address the issues raised during the previous management audit. The Commission appreciates the legislature’s assistance in addressing some of these issues through the passage of Act 108 of the 2014 Regular Session (“Act 108”). Act 108 transferred the administrative placement of the Commission to the Department Commerce and Consumer Affairs as well as provided much needed clarity and internal support for the Commission’s administrative functions. The State is also in the midst of efforts to establish a new Chair to lead the Commission.

Because of these ongoing efforts to reorganize the Commission, a statutory recurring audit may not be necessary at this time. If the Legislature deems that an audit is necessary in the future, then the legislature is free to do so to address specific issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Jaci	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill

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