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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PAPER WASTE REDUCTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that telephone
2 directories, such as the yellow pages and white pages, which are
3 being distributed to consumers, often go unclaimed, causing
4 litter and an unnecessary use of resources. In an effort to
5 reduce paper waste, directories should be distributed only to
6 those consumers who have specifically requested them.

7 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the telephone
8 directory request program that shall provide Hawaii consumers
9 with the option to receive telephone directories at their
10 request, thereby reducing paper waste throughout the State.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, beginning
12 January 1, 2010, any company that issues telephone directories,
13 yellow pages, or white pages shall issue telephone directories
14 to a customer only upon receipt of a telephone directory request
15 form provided by the company and signed by the customer prior to
16 distribution. The telephone directory request forms are valid
17 for one year and must be renewed in writing annually. Any



1 company that distributes a directory without a signed
2 affirmative request may be fined up to fifty dollars for each
3 violation.

4 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, beginning
5 January 1, 2010, the public utilities commission shall require
6 telephone utilities, which are subject to the jurisdiction of
7 the commission, to issue telephone directory request forms to
8 all of its customers served by that directory, that allows the
9 customer to affirmatively request the directory prior to
10 distribution. Any utility that distributes a directory without
11 the customer's affirmative request may be fined up to fifty
12 dollars for each violation.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,
14 and shall be repealed on January 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Paper Waste Reduction; Telephone Directories

Description:

Requires telephone utilities and companies that publish or distribute telephone directories to distribute directories only upon receiving written authorization executed by the customer. Repeals in 2015.

