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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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

Section 269-16.85, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 SECTION 1. amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 2 3 Notwithstanding section 269-16.9 or any other law to the contrary, the public utilities commission shall treat retail 4 intrastate telecommunications services, under the commission's 5 classification of services relating to costs, rates, and 6 pricing, as fully competitive and apply all commission rules in 7 accordance with that designation. In addition, a 8 telecommunications carrier shall not be required to obtain 9 approval or provide any cost support or other information to 10 establish or otherwise modify in any manner its rates, fares, 11 and charges, or to bundle any service offerings into a single or 12 13 combined price package; provided that a telecommunications carrier, except upon receiving the approval of the commission, 14 shall not charge a higher rate for any retail telecommunications 15 basic exchange service than the rate for the same service 16 included in the telecommunications carrier's filed tariff. 17 rates, fares, charges, and bundled service offerings shall be 18

- 1 filed with the public utilities commission for information
- 2 purposes only."
- 3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

## S.B. NO. 2108

### Report Title:

Public Utilities; Telecommunications; Rates

### Description:

Limits to retail basic exchange services the services for which a telecommunications carrier must obtain approval from the PUC to charge a rate higher than the filed tariff rate.

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