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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC RELIABILITY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to part IX to be appropriately
- 3 designated and to read as follows:
- 4 "§269- Interconnection study fees. Electric utilities
- 5 shall be responsible for and shall not pass on any costs for
- 6 interconnection studies for any consumer seeking to make an
- 7 interconnection on the Hawaii electric system to install a
- 8 photovoltaic system on a single-family residential dwelling or
- 9 townhouse that the consumer owns."
- 10 SECTION 2. Section 269-141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 11 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
- 12 and to read as follows:
- ""Consumer" means a person seeking to make an
- 14 interconnection to the Hawaii electric system; provided that
- 15 this definition does not include any business, organization, or
- 16 other entity."
- 17 SECTION 3. Section 269-146, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 18 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

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- "(d) [The] Except as provided in section 269- , the 1 2 commission may allow an electric utility to recover appropriate 3 and reasonable costs under the Hawaii electricity reliability 4 surcharge for any interconnection to the Hawaii electric system, 5 including [interconnection studies and other] analysis 6 associated with studying the impact or necessary infrastructure 7 and operational requirements needed to reliably interconnect a 8 generator, as well as from electric utility customers through a surcharge or assessment subject to review and approval by the 9 commission under section 269-16." 10
- 11 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 13

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Report Title:

Electric Reliability; Interconnection Study Fees; Photovoltaic Systems; Public Utilities

Description:

Prohibits utilities from charging interconnection study costs to consumers who seek to make an interconnection on the Hawaii electric system, for purposes of installing a photovoltaic system on a single-family residential dwelling or townhouse that the consumer owns.

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