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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING PUBLIC UTILITIES TO PROVIDE FIFTY PERCENT RATE
DISCOUNTS TO RETIRED SENIOR CITIZENS.

1 WHEREAS, many retired senior citizens aged sixty years and
2 older live on fixed incomes and tight budgets that require them
3 to limit or curtail the purchase of discretionary goods or
4 services; and

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6 WHEREAS, expenses that cannot be easily limited or
7 curtailed are those offered by public utilities that provide
8 electricity, water, gas, telephone, telecommunications, and
9 taxicab services; and

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11 WHEREAS, the gap between the costs of these services and
12 the fixed incomes of retired senior citizens will tend to widen
13 over time, making it increasingly difficult for a retired senior
14 citizen to budget accordingly; and

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16 WHEREAS, proactive measures must be taken so that retired
17 senior citizens can maintain a reasonable quality of life and
18 afford increasing public utility costs; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
22 that any public utility having a certificate of public
23 convenience and necessity issued by the Public Utilities
24 Commission is requested to provide a fifty percent rate discount
25 to any retired senior citizen residing in the State; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
28 is requested to survey actions that have been taken by public
29 utilities or determine what legislation that needs to be
30 enacted, if any, to provide a fifty percent rate discounts to
31 retired senior citizens; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
34 is requested to submit a report of its findings and
35 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



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1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2022; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and
6 Consumer Affairs and Chairperson of the Public Utilities
7 Commission, who in turn is requested to distribute copies of the
8 Concurrent Resolution to all public utilities that currently
9 hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by
10 the Commission.

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