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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO
IDENTIFY AND REMOVE ANY REDUNDANT UTILITY POLES ON OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (Hawaiian
2 Electric) is a utility company in the State that provides
3 electric services via lines using wooden poles within existing
4 city and state street right-of-ways to residential communities
5 and businesses; and

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7 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Electric owns over 100,000 utility poles
8 on the island of Oahu; and

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10 WHEREAS, when new utility poles are installed adjacent to
11 an existing utility pole for the purpose of transferring
12 electric, telephone, cable, or other wires from one pole to
13 another, the original pole is often left in place, resulting in
14 what is referred to as double poles; and

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16 WHEREAS, these double poles are in need of removal because
17 of their close proximity to each other, which creates
18 redundancies in the placement of utility poles; and

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20 WHEREAS, a number of wooden utility poles are also in need
21 of removal due to age, soil conditions, termite infestation, and
22 other issues that cause the poles to be significantly out of
23 position, aesthetically unsightly, or susceptible to falling
24 during times of adverse weather; and

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26 WHEREAS, the removal of unnecessary and unsightly utility
27 poles will eliminate a potential public hazard, beautify and
28 organize utility pole lines, and favorably influence the
29 surrounding community; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that Hawaiian Electric is
4 requested to conduct a study to identify and remove any
5 redundant utility poles on Oahu; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaiian Electric is requested
8 to consider in its study ways to reduce risk while increasing
9 efficiency when removing redundant utility poles; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaiian Electric is requested
12 to submit a report of its study including findings and
13 recommendations and any proposed legislation, to the Legislature
14 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
15 Session of 2023; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President and Chief
19 Executive Officer of Hawaiian Electric.

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22 OFFERED BY: 

