
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The public utilities commission shall
2 direct each electric utility company in the State to file
3 proposals with the public utilities commission by January 1,
4 2025, for programs to provide benefits to residential property
5 owners that:

6 (1) Reside in fire-prone areas within the service
7 territory of the electric utility company; and

8 (2) Install improvements related to electric
9 infrastructure to reduce or eliminate the impacts of
10 wildfires on their residential properties or purchase
11 emergency equipment or supplies for use in
12 deenergization events.

13 Benefits may include but not be limited to financial assistance,
14 rebates, subsidized tariffs or rates, and payment programs.

15 (b) The public utilities commission may approve a program
16 pursuant to chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes; provided that
17 the program or programs are found to be in the public interest.



1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2040.



Report Title:

PUC; Electric Utility Companies; Residential Property Wildfire Mitigation; Benefits Program

Description:

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to direct each electric utility company in the State to file proposals for programs to provide certain benefits to residential property owners in fire-prone areas that install electric infrastructure improvements to reduce or eliminate the impacts of wildfires on their residential properties or purchase emergency equipment or supplies for use in deenergization events. Takes effect 7/1/2040. (SD2)

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