S.B. NO. <sup>2997</sup> S.D. 1

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as the risk of catastrophic wildfires in the State increases, it is imperative 2 that electric utilities develop and implement effective plans 3 for wildfire risk mitigation. Electric utilities should develop 4 5 wildfire mitigation plans, and the public utilities commission, 6 through a public process, should review and approve these plans. 7 The purpose of this Act is to require electric utilities to design a risk-based wildfire protection plan approved by the 8 9 public utilities commission.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated 12 and to read as follows:

13 "<u>§269-</u> Wildfire protection plans. Each electric utility
14 shall have a risk-based wildfire protection plan, which shall be
15 filed with and approved by the public utilities commission."
16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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#### Report Title:

PUC; Electric Utilities; Risk-Based Wildfire Protection Plan

### Description:

Requires each electric utility to have a risk-based wildfire protection plan, which shall be filed with and approved by the Public Utilities Commission. (SD1)

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