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

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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