

A Bill for an Act Relating to High-Voltage Power Transmission Lines.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require a public hearing be held prior to the issuance of a permit to construct above ground, high-voltage electric transmission lines in any residential area.

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

“Sec. 269- Construction of high-voltage electric transmission lines; hearing. Wherever a public utility plans to place, construct, erect, or otherwise build a new 46 kilo-volt or greater high-voltage electric transmission system above the surface of the ground through any residential area, the public utilities commission shall conduct a public hearing prior to its issuance of approval thereof. Notice of the hearing shall be given in the manner provided in section 269-16 for notice of public hearings.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the underscoring.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 12, 1976.)

*Edited accordingly.