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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 269-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3           "(a) The chairperson of the public utilities commission  
4 may appoint and employ [~~such~~] clerks, stenographers, agents,  
5 engineers, accountants, and other assistants for the public  
6 utilities commission as the chairperson finds necessary for the  
7 performance of the commission's functions and define their  
8 powers and duties. The chairperson may appoint, and at  
9 pleasure, dismiss a chief administrator, research assistants,  
10 economists, legal secretaries, enforcement officers, utility  
11 analysts, legal assistants, and [~~such~~] hearings officers as may  
12 be necessary. Notwithstanding section 103D-209(b), the  
13 chairperson shall appoint one or more attorneys independent of  
14 the attorney general who shall act as attorneys for the  
15 commission and define their powers and duties and fix their  
16 compensation. The chief administrator, research assistants,  
17 economists, legal secretaries, enforcement officers, hearings  
18 officers, utility analysts, legal assistants, and attorneys



1 shall be exempt from chapter 76. Other employees shall be  
2 appointed as may be needed by the chairperson in accordance with  
3 chapter 76."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Public Utilities Commission; Utility Analysts; Legal Assistants

**Description:**

Authorizes PUC chairperson to appoint utility analysts and legal assistants exempt from chapter 76. (SD2)

