
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§269- Undergrounding of public utility lines; Oahu.

5 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, each public
6 utility that has overhead lines on the island of Oahu shall
7 convert at least ten miles of overhead lines to underground each
8 year; provided that public utilities having overhead lines in
9 the same geographic area shall coordinate the overhead to
10 underground conversion of their lines to maximize cost-
11 effectiveness and efficiency and minimize adverse ratepayer
12 impact.

13 (b) Each public utility that has overhead lines on the
14 island of Oahu shall report its plan for the overhead to
15 underground conversion of lines under this section to the public
16 utilities commission no later than January 1 of each year."

17 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Public Utilities; Undergrounding

Description:

Requires public utilities with overhead lines on Oahu to convert at least 10 miles of overhead lines to underground per year.

