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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII UTILITY COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE UTILITY SERVICES TO  
ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A PROCEDURE FOR THE TIMELY  
REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED OR UNSIGHTLY UTILITY POLES.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaiian Telcom, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.,  
2 the subsidiaries of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and Oceanic  
3 Time Warner Cable are utility companies in the State, which  
4 provide telephone, electric, and cable services via lines using  
5 wooden poles within existing city and state street right-of-ways  
6 to residential communities and businesses; and  
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8           WHEREAS, residents, tenants, and users of urban residential  
9 and commercial zoned parcels rely on thousands of wooden poles  
10 of various heights for these utility services; and  
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12           WHEREAS, a number of these wooden utility poles are in need  
13 of removal or replacement due to age, soil conditions, termite  
14 infestation, and other reasons that cause the poles to be  
15 significantly out of plumb in positioning, aesthetically  
16 unsightly, or susceptible to falling during times of adverse  
17 weather; and  
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19           WHEREAS, currently, Hawaiian Telcom, Hawaiian Electric  
20 Company, Inc., the subsidiaries of Hawaiian Electric Company,  
21 Inc., and Oceanic Time Warner Cable do not have any defined  
22 restoration plans to remove unnecessary poles, or replace  
23 damaged or unsightly wooden utility poles with newer poles; and  
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25           WHEREAS, if restoration plans have commenced, restoration  
26 and replacement is not done in an even statewide manner as some  
27 communities receive newer poles in a more timely manner than  
28 others; and  
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30           WHEREAS, furthermore, if restoration plans have commenced,  
31 the restoration plan does not include sufficient oversight to



1 ensure that the plan is sufficiently completed and done in a  
2 timely manner; and

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4 WHEREAS, established restoration plans consisting of the  
5 timely removal of unnecessary wooden utility poles or the  
6 replacement of damaged or unsightly wooden utility poles  
7 implemented by utility companies providing utility services to  
8 Hawaii residents are needed in order to protect public safety,  
9 increase environmental quality, and continue statewide utility  
10 services; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
14 House of Representatives concurring, that Hawaiian Telcom,  
15 Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., the subsidiaries of Hawaiian  
16 Electric Company, Inc., and Oceanic Time Warner Cable are urged  
17 to develop and establish a restoration plan for the removal of  
18 unnecessary wooden utility poles, or the replacement of damaged  
19 or unsightly wooden utility poles in a timely manner statewide;  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the restoration plans developed  
23 and implemented by Hawaiian Telcom, Hawaiian Electric Company,  
24 Inc., the subsidiaries of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and  
25 Oceanic Time Warner Cable include that:

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27 (1) The removal or replacement of wooden utility poles is  
28 done within a ninety-day time period from the  
29 determination and designation for removal or  
30 replacement by a utility company;  
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32 (2) A process is developed and implemented to investigate  
33 problematic wooden utility poles and designate their  
34 removal or replacement;  
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36 (3) The process of investigation and designation for  
37 removal or replacement covers all communities in which  
38 each utility company uses land lines and provides  
39 utility services; and  
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41 (4) Upon determination and designation for wooden utility  
42 pole restoration, proper oversight is implemented over  
43 the removal or replacement in order to ensure that the

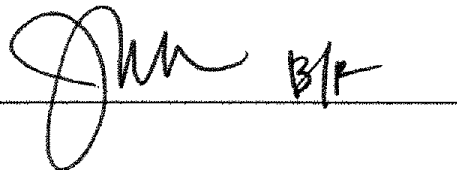


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plan is completed properly and done in a timely manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, the Executive Director of the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Chief Executive Officer of Hawaiian Telcom, the Chief Executive Officer of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. and its subsidiaries, and the Chief Executive Officer of Oceanic Time Warner Cable.

OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jim B/F", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and includes the initials "B/F" to the right of the main name.

