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## SENATE 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  
32 ensure that the plan is sufficiently completed and done in a  
33 timely manner; and  
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1           WHEREAS, established restoration plans consisting of the  
2 timely removal of unnecessary wooden utility poles or the  
3 replacement of damaged or unsightly wooden utility poles  
4 implemented by utility companies providing utility services to  
5 Hawaii residents are needed in order to protect public safety,  
6 increase environmental quality, and continue statewide utility  
7 services; now, therefore,

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9           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
11 that Hawaiian Telcom, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., the  
12 subsidiaries of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and Oceanic  
13 Time Warner Cable are urged to develop and establish a  
14 restoration plan for the removal of unnecessary wooden utility  
15 poles, or the replacement of damaged or unsightly wooden utility  
16 poles in a timely manner statewide; and

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18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the restoration plans developed  
19 and implemented by Hawaiian Telcom, Hawaiian Electric Company,  
20 Inc., the subsidiaries of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and  
21 Oceanic Time Warner Cable include that:

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23           (1) The removal or replacement of wooden utility poles is  
24 done within a ninety-day time period from the  
25 determination and designation for removal or  
26 replacement by a utility company;  
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28           (2) A process is developed and implemented to investigate  
29 problematic wooden utility poles and designate their  
30 removal or replacement;  
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32           (3) The process of investigation and designation for  
33 removal or replacement covers all communities in which  
34 each utility company uses land lines and provides  
35 utility services; and  
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37           (4) Upon determination and designation for wooden utility  
38 pole restoration, proper oversight is implemented over  
39 the removal or replacement in order to ensure that the  
40 plan is completed properly and done in a timely  
41 manner; and  
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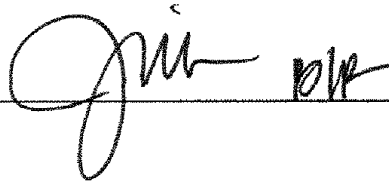
43           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
44 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public



1 Utilities Commission, the Executive Director of the Division of  
2 Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer  
3 Affairs, the Chief Executive Officer of Hawaiian Telcom, the  
4 Chief Executive Officer of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. and  
5 its subsidiaries, and the Chief Executive Officer of Oceanic  
6 Time Warner Cable.

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