
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO 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- Lifeline electricity rates. (a) The public
5 utilities commission shall implement a program to achieve
6 lifeline electricity rates for residential electricity
7 customers.

8 (b) "Lifeline electricity rate" means a discounted rate
9 for lifeline eligible residential electricity customers.

10 (c) "Lifeline eligible" means elderly persons with limited
11 income and disabled persons with limited income as defined
12 pursuant to rules enacted by the public utilities commission.

13 (d) The commission shall require every electric public
14 utility providing local electricity service to file a schedule
15 of rates and charges providing a rate for lifeline electricity
16 subscribers.

1 (e) Nothing in this section shall preclude the commission
2 from changing any rate established pursuant to subsection (a)
3 either specifically or pursuant to any general restructuring of
4 all electricity rates, charges, and classifications."

5 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

Report Title:

Utilities; Lifeline Electricity Rates; PUC

Description:

Requires the public utilities commission to implement a program to achieve lifeline electricity rates for qualified residential electricity customers. (SD2)