



GOV. MSG. NO. 1335

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

July 05, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker  
and Members of the House  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 05, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2644 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION.

**Act 232 (12)**

Sincerely,  


NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor  
on JUL 5 2012

ORIGINAL

ACT 232

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012  
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 2644  
H.D. 2  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that for Hawaii's farmers  
2 and ranchers to remain competitive and self-sustaining,  
3 incentives and mechanisms must be implemented to reduce costs  
4 and ensure that the State's constitutional mandate to promote  
5 diversified agriculture and increase agricultural self-  
6 sufficiency is fulfilled. The public utilities commission  
7 regulates the tariffs set for public utilities that provide  
8 essential services to the agricultural industry, such as  
9 interisland shipping.

10 The purpose of this Act is to permit the public utilities  
11 commission to authorize preferential rates for water carrier  
12 service for ratepayers engaged in agricultural activities.

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

16 "§269- Preferential water carrier service rates for  
17 agricultural activities. The public utilities commission may  
18 authorize preferential water carrier service rates by tariff for

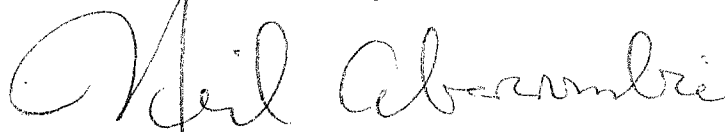


1 ratepayers that engage in agricultural activities. The  
2 application process for obtaining preferential water carrier  
3 service rates by tariff may be established by the public  
4 utilities commission."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

APPROVED this 5 day of JUL , 2012



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

