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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 269-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding four new definitions to be appropriately  
3 inserted and to read as follows:

4           "Basic exchange service" means those services consisting  
5 of single-line dial tone, touch-tone dialing, access to operator  
6 service, access to enhanced 911, telecommunications relay  
7 service, telephone directory, and access to directory-assistance  
8 service via 411 dialing.

9           "Dial tone" means the ability to make or receive telephone  
10 calls with or without operator intervention.

11           "Single-line" means a single-party line or a one-party  
12 line.

13           "Touch-tone dialing" means dual-tone multi-frequency, as  
14 opposed to dial-pulse signaling."

15           SECTION 2. Section 269-16.85, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

17           "(a) Notwithstanding section 269-16.9 or any other law to  
18 the contrary, the public utilities commission shall treat retail



1 intrastate telecommunications services, under the commission's  
2 classification of services relating to costs, rates, and  
3 pricing, as fully competitive and apply all commission rules in  
4 accordance with that designation. In addition, a  
5 telecommunications carrier shall not be required to obtain  
6 approval or provide any cost support or other information to  
7 establish or otherwise modify in any manner its rates, fares,  
8 and charges, or to bundle any service offerings into a single or  
9 combined price package; provided that a telecommunications  
10 carrier, except upon receiving the approval of the commission,  
11 shall not charge a higher rate for any retail telecommunications  
12 basic exchange service than the rate for the same service  
13 included in the telecommunications carrier's filed tariff. All  
14 rates, fares, charges, and bundled service offerings shall be  
15 filed with the public utilities commission for information  
16 purposes only."

17 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Telecommunications; Rates; Basic Exchange Service

**Description:**

Limits to retail basic exchange services the services for which a telecommunications carrier must obtain approval from the Public Utilities Commission to charge a rate higher than the filed tariff rate. (HB1868 HD1)

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