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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

**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 allow for preferential rates  
11 for water carrier service for ratepayers engaged in agricultural  
12 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, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Public Utilities; Water Carrier; Tariffs; Agriculture

**Description:**

Authorizes public utilities to provide preferential water carrier service tariffs provided to ratepayers engaged in agricultural activities, subject to approval by the public utilities commission. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB1945 HD2)

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