
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. Section 269-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) All rates, fares, charges, classifications,
4 schedules, rules, and practices made, charged, or observed by
5 any public utility or by two or more public utilities jointly
6 shall be just and reasonable and shall be filed either by
7 electronic transmission or as paper documents with the public
8 utilities commission. If a document must be signed as a
9 condition for filing, the requirement shall be satisfied by an
10 electronic signature. The rates, fares, classifications,
11 charges, and rules of every public utility shall be published by
12 the public utility in such manner as the public utilities
13 commission may require, and copies shall be furnished to any
14 person on request.

15 To the extent the contested case proceedings referred to in
16 chapter 91 are required in any rate proceeding to ensure
17 fairness and to provide due process to parties that may be
18 affected by rates approved by the commission, the evidentiary



1 hearings shall be conducted expeditiously and shall be conducted
2 as a part of the ratemaking proceeding.

3 For purposes of this subsection, "electronic transmission"
4 means any electronic data transfer implemented by the commission
5 that allows the commission to accept electronic document files."

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the public
7 utilities commission special fund the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for
9 computer modernization upgrades to allow the public utilities
10 commission to accept electronic filings.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the public
12 utilities commission for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.



Report Title:

Public Utilities; Electronic Filing

Description:

Allows public utilities to make certain electronic filings with the public utilities commission. Appropriates funds from the public utilities commission special fund for upgrades to the commission's computer system to allow for electronic filings. Effective July 1, 2011. (HB880 HD1)

