
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A
MORATORIUM ON ELECTRICITY RATE INCREASES UNTIL JUNE 30,
2014, AND CONSIDER MODIFICATION OF THE AUTOMATIC FUEL
ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the cost-of-living for Hawaii residents is among
2 the highest in the country, while average wages for Hawaii's
3 workers are among the lowest; and
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5 WHEREAS, average wages in Hawaii have remained stagnant
6 over the past three years and the unemployment level in the
7 State has failed to show a significant decrease; and
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9 WHEREAS, electricity rates have risen steadily each year at
10 a rate that outpaces wage increases and makes this necessary
11 expense difficult for many households to afford; and
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13 WHEREAS, a moratorium on rate increases for electricity
14 would benefit the economy of Hawaii by stabilizing the cost-of
15 living and improving the finances of many households; now,
16 therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
20 of 2012, that the Public Utilities Commission is requested to
21 establish a moratorium on electricity rate level increases
22 requested by any electric utility until June 30, 2014, unless
23 the Public Utilities Commission finds that extraordinary
24 circumstances exist to justify the increase; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
27 is requested to consider modification of the automatic fuel
28 adjustment clause for electric utilities, in recognition that
29 other Hawaii businesses do not have similar automatic
30 adjustments for their cost of goods; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Finance and the
3 Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.
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