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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

July 11, 2017

GOV. MSG. NO. 1312

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 11, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

SB382 SD2 HD1 CD2

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION
ACT 198 (17)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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. (a) The state auditor shall conduct a
2 management audit to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of
3 the public utilities commission and aid in the commission's
4 transition to a better functioning entity. The management audit
5 shall include but not be limited to:

6 (1) Appropriateness and applicability of current utility
7 legislation;

8 (2) Adequacy of coverage of current public utilities
9 commission policies, rules, and procedures, including
10 the commission's current strategic plan;

11 (3) Management of the public utilities commission in terms
12 of:

13 (A) Providing technical and analytical staff support
14 in case management and enforcement of the public
15 utilities commission's rules; and

16 (B) The ability of individual commissioners to
17 request or select the services of a staff
18 attorney, researcher, or clerical or support



1 staff to assist the requesting commissioner with
2 that commissioner's duties; and

3 (4) The effectiveness of the public utilities commission
4 in dealing with telecommunications, energy, and other
5 utility issues.

6 (b) The auditor may also review public utilities
7 commissions in other jurisdictions to determine any generally
8 considered best practices for a public utilities commission,
9 including any emphasis on efficiency in operations or
10 collaborations amongst members and any examples of other
11 commissions that require more diverse backgrounds amongst
12 commissioners or any commissions that have the ability to
13 consider more than one docket at a time.

14 (c) The auditor shall submit a report to the legislature
15 of findings and recommendations, including any proposed
16 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the regular session of 2018.

18 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

APPROVED this 11 day of JUL, 2017



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

SB No. 382, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 4, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

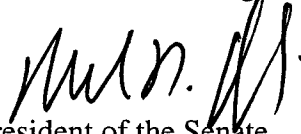


Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 4, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate