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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 the public order is
2 threatened if illegal occupants on real property may have
3 electric power connections installed upon the property or have
4 an account or service transferred to a power connection on
5 illegally occupied property.

6 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that only legal
7 occupants on real property may have an electric power connection
8 installed upon the premises or have an account or service
9 transferred to that power connection.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
12 designated and to read as follows:

13 "§269- Installation; transfers; prohibited; when. (a)
14 No electric utility may install a power connection or transfer
15 the account or service associated with that power connection
16 unless the electric utility obtains written and notarized
17 authorization:



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1 (1) From the owner of record of the premises, or the
2 authorized agent of record, to perform the
3 installation of the power connection; or

4 (2) From the occupant of the premises upon which is
5 installed the power connection, to transfer the
6 account or service associated with that power
7 connection.

8 (b) If the occupant of the premises is not the owner of
9 record, or the authorized agent of record, the written and
10 notarized authorization shall describe the nature of the
11 occupant's tenancy on the premises that has a power connection
12 installed upon it. The types of tenancies described in the
13 authorization may include the types of arrangements covered
14 under the residential landlord-tenant code, including rental
15 agreements, subleases, or assignments.

16 (c) Subsection (a)(2) shall not apply if an account or
17 service is being restarted in the name of the holder of that
18 account or service following a power disconnection due to the
19 nonpayment by the holder of that account."



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1 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Electric Utilities; Power Installations; Transfers of Service

Description:

Prohibits electric utilities from installing power connections or transferring accounts or services without owner or occupant consent.

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