

SB3064

Measure Title: RELATING TO UTILITY POLES.

Report Title: Utility Poles; Public Utilities

Description: Prohibits public utilities from installing a new utility pole within ten feet of an existing utility pole; unless the original utility pole will be removed within ninety days of installing the new utility pole.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s): RIVIERE, GREEN, TOKUDA, Gabbard, Harimoto, K. Kahele, Keith-Agaran, K. Rhoads, Taniguchi, L. Thielen, Wakai



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February 24, 2018

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 3064

Dear Senators,

The Outdoor Circle has strongly supported keeping our islands visually blight free for over a century and we therefore strongly support this measure to eliminate excessive utility poles.

While this bill addresses future poles being removed, we would also like to see additional language which requires existing poles with two or three poles within 10 feet of each other to be consolidated into one pole with the others removed. There can be an equitable cost sharing amongst the users of the poles or a formula which you can agree upon regarding cost allocation, but we do support any additional wording which would remove excessive poles that currently exist.

Thank you for your service and dedication to keeping Hawaii beautiful,

Winston Welch
Executive Director

Testimony before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

By Mindy E. Hartstein
Manager, Pole Infrastructure Enterprise Department
Energy Delivery
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

February 26, 2018
9:45 a.m., Conference Room 229

Senate Bill SB3064 Relating to Utility Poles

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mindy E. Hartstein, and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. and its subsidiaries, Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc. and Maui Electric Company, Limited (collectively, the "Hawaiian Electric Companies" or "Companies") **in strong opposition to SB3064.**

The Companies agree that double pole removal is a very important issue that needs to be immediately addressed and a plan for remediation put in place. However, this legislation is premature in light of the Companies' activities to be undertaken before the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") that would eliminate the need for this legislation.

SB3064 prohibits utilities from installing a new pole within 10 feet of an existing utility pole unless the pole being replaced will be removed within 90 days of installing the new pole. SB3064 would be greatly risking public health and safety and putting at risk the Companies' obligation to provide safe and reliable power to its customers. This bill would allow joint pole owners the ability to dictate to the Companies when and/or whether an existing, potentially unsafe pole can be replaced. While the Companies intend to address double pole removal, the Companies cannot accept what would be the unintended consequences of greater risks to public health and safety if SB 3064 was adopted. Nor can the Companies allow vulnerabilities threatening its ability to provide efficient and reliable electric service to its customers, which it is obligated to provide.

The creation of double poles remaining after 90 days (double pole backlog) is due to the installation of a new pole by the electric utility and the subsequent delay by the joint pole owner in removal of their equipment and the old pole after notification by the Companies. When installing a

new pole, the Companies have already determined that the original pole needs to be replaced due to safety concerns of thinning shell thickness of the pole and the primary need of the electric utility to ensure reliable, uninterrupted power to its customers. The Companies install the new pole and transfer all of the distribution lines and related equipment attached to the old pole over to the new pole normally immediately or within a few days of the new pole being set, but this can be an extended period if unforeseen issues arise. Standards and procedures for equipment transfers and pole removal, as well as new, replacement pole acceptance, are dictated and controlled under the Joint Pole Agreements for owners and by formal signed agreements between the 3rd Party Attachers and joint pole owners. The Companies are not a party to 3rd Party Attacher agreements in the communication zone.

The double pole backlog is directly attributable to existing joint pole ownership and agreements. Shortly, the Companies anticipate filing an application seeking approval of several agreements (Agreements) relating to electric utility distribution pole attachments by joint owners and sub-attaching 3rd parties (“3rd Party Attachers”) on jointly-owned electric distribution poles with Hawaiian Telcom across the Companies. Parts of the agreements will address and provide a timeline for the remediation of the backlog of double poles, which requires the removal of joint pole owners and/or sub-attachers equipment and the removal of the old pole. Under the current Joint Pole Agreements, Hawaiian Telcom is responsible for attachment and equipment relocations in the communication space and removal of the double pole in such cases. Under the Agreements, it is anticipated that Hawaiian Electric would potentially take the lead on the vast majority of backlogged relocations and pole removals and sets up a 90-day standard of time for new double pole equipment transfers and pole removal in the future by Hawaiian Telcom.

Once the Agreements are put forth in front of the PUC, and hopefully approved by the PUC, then the Companies can begin the remediation process on double poles. For this reason, SB3064 is premature. SB3064 does not provide a path for how the Companies can require relocation of other joint owners’ equipment and pole removal (i.e. Hawaiian Telcom (the ILEC) and their 3rd Party Attachers in the communication space (CLECs and Cable) and City/county and the State as joint owners in streetlights in the lighting space). Neither the complexity of the transfers and the number of parties with equipment to be transferred, nor the requirements associated with pole removal are taken into account with this bill, nor does SB3064 consider other reasonable delays (which often do occur through no fault of the parties) which could have the effect of extending equipment transfers and old pole removal beyond the 90-day period. Currently, the joint pole agreement does not allow for electric utility relocation/transfer of joint owner’s nor 3rd Party Attacher’s equipment in the communication space or removal of the double pole when the communications space is the last to

remove its facilities. SB3064 erroneously places the burden on the electric utility, which currently has no effective pathway to implement equipment transfer and pole removal. The new pole and transfer of electric utility lines and equipment from the old pole to the new pole, at the very least, lessens the pole load capacity on the old pole and thus reduces the safety risk associated with the old pole non-removal in the short term until the transfer and removal takes place.

Finally, the Companies have created a Pole Infrastructure Enterprise Department (“PIE”), within Energy Delivery, and if the Agreements are approved by the PUC, the PIE would be responsible for, and specifically tasked with, the timely management of the remediation of the backlog of double poles as well as managing 3rd Party equipment transfers and removal of old poles for current new pole replacements on an ongoing basis across the Companies. We believe the Companies comprehensive efforts should alleviate public concern of lack of action on the issue and provide the necessary “teeth” to require adherence by joint owners and 3rd Party Attachers that would, over time, eliminate the backlog, while keeping current with transfers and removals for new pole replacements. We would request that this legislation be tabled for a year to provide time for Companies to file the Agreements with the PUC, hopefully obtain PUC approval, which would provide the pathway to remediation of the double pole backlog, prevent a future backlog, and begin implementation of that remediation right away.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Written Statement of
Ani Menon
Director of Government & Community Affairs

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH**

February 26, 2018 9:45AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

IN OPPOSITION TO:

S.B. NO. 3064 RELATING TO UTILITY POLES

To: Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee
Re: **Testimony in opposition to SB3064**

Aloha Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in opposition to SB3064. This measure aims to prohibit public utilities from installing a new utility pole within ten feet of an existing utility pole unless the original pole is removed within ninety days of installing the new utility pole.

While Hawaiian Telcom understands the overall concern that may have inspired this measure, we believe SB3064 is premature. Existing formal agreements between joint-pole owners dictate the standards and procedures for pole removal. These agreements are filed with, and approved by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). We acknowledge that current standards and procedures must be updated to address double poles, and pole owners are working diligently to finalize a solution. The Hawaiian Electric Company has testified that they anticipate filing an application seeking approval of several comprehensive agreements that will address existing double poles and provide a timeline for remediation. These agreements will also set a timeline for double pole equipment transfers, pole removals, and will establish a means for tracking associated activity.

Though this measure is well-intended, it does not take into account the level of coordination required between multiple joint-pole owners, the complexity of equipment transfers, and the nuances associated with pole removals. These details, along with others, are addressed within the comprehensive agreements that will be submitted to the PUC for review. Therefore, it is our position that the installation and removal of poles is best dictated by a formal comprehensive agreement between pole owners, and best left under the purview of the PUC.

Additionally, we'd like to address a number of issues raised within this measure and in corresponding testimony. Hawaiian Telcom immediately removes original poles that are safety hazards. It is not customary to allow original poles to remain in place if they are unsafe for any reason, including termite damage, rot, collision damage from vehicles, etc.

The installation of a new pole by a utility where one already exists is not an indication that the original pole needs to be replaced due to safety concerns. It is Hawaiian Telcom's practice to immediately remove poles that are safety concerns.

Being the last utility/agency to relocate equipment and become responsible for the removal of an original pole is of no burden to Hawaiian Telcom. In fact, current agreements between Hawaiian Telcom and joint-pole owners dictate the process and fees associated with this removal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB3064. Hawaiian Telcom asks that this measure not move forward.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 12:57:30 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senators,

I thank you for sponsoring such a commonsense measure. I stand in strong support of this measure. It is regrettable the utility companies need even more regulation to do the right thing, but if that is what it takes to remove eyesores (and sometimes dangerous poles), then so be it.

Mahalo for allowing me to submit testimony on this important issue.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 8:17:45 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LOREN LASHER	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

This is an important bill, SB3064. I SUPPORT this measure, PLEASE PASS IT.

This is important for many reasons. First is SAFETY! Hawaiian Electric feels the old poles are unsafe. They are installing new poles. The old poles often are damaged and sagging. Second is MAINTENANCE. It is easier (and safer) to work on one pole that is not crowded by other poles. Third is BEAUTY. We live in Hawaii, there is no reason to pollute our views of this island.

We need to have ACCOUNTABILITY to keep our Island safe and beautiful.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 9:48:39 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 10:46:46 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Richter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 4:28:54 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trudi Gold	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bil. Let's keep Hawaii beautiful.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 7:05:30 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank Okimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. It makes sense that the utility companies act responsibly and quickly to address aging or damaged poles. It doesn't make sense that one utility company deems a new pole necessary and the other utility companies drag their feet in relocating their utility lines onto the new pole so that the old poles can be safely removed.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 5:42:53 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Kelso	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 7:13:49 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Van Law	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill since it will provide public safety for everyone.

Thanks,
Van

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 7:45:52 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Whiting	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We have been trying to get unused poles removed from our street for years without success. This bill will truly make Hawaii a more beautiful and safer place. Thank you for your help!

Scott Whiting

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 9:05:03 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amy miyashiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Seeing these poles standing together all along our roadways sends a sad message

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 9:16:53 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Fullmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee,

Multiple poles located together, with some utilities on one pole and other utilities on the second or third pole, are a major eye sore that mars the incredible views that make Hawaii so special. It is also a signal to our visitors that we are indifferent too our environment and lack the basic vision to do something about it. Please take action to remove this blight--the cost is minimal; it just takes some coordination and leadership between the affected utilities to get it done.

Sincerely,

John Fullmer, Architect

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 11:41:22 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Meghan Debouk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The unsightly clusters of old utility poles should not be allowed to stay, they are ugly.

Furthermore, they can fall during a storm or car accident seriously injuring people, and or blocking traffic.

Clean them up.

Thank you

Meghan Debouk

Kaneohe, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 1:43:27 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colin Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this measure.

For too long the utility companies have been evading the replacement pole issue and not fulfilling their responsibility of removing old poles that have already been replaced by new poles. The old poles were replaced for a reason - usually safety - so not removing them implies that they actually are safe! I trust that this measure will not only ensure that in future, the so-called double-poles do not exist for more than 90 days, but that existing double- and triple-poles are removed.

We can all plainly see that these double- and triple-poles are an eyesore, but it should also be pointed out that even single poles are an eyesore, with so many wires and cables disturbing the view plane. It is sad that we have grown accustomed to - and have totally accepted - this ugliness as an integral part of our landscape. There is absolutely no plan to change out the pole system - ever! I encourage our legislators to consider a gradual undergrounding plan such as being implemented by San Diego, whose plan 'A Clear View of San Diego' puts aside a small percentage of utility income towards undergrounding the utilities. (<https://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/a-clear-view-of-san-diego>). San Diego is a destination city for tourists and this program not only helps residents, but like Hawaii, raises the value of the city as a tourist destination. San Diego cites three reasons for undergrounding: Safety, Beauty (not unsightly poles and wires), and Reliability. "In the City approximately \$54 million per year is spent to convert unsightly overhead power and communication lines with safer and more reliable underground systems." (<https://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/overview>)

It is almost 20 years since Pamela Martin submitted the report UNDERGROUNDING PUBLIC UTILITY LINES to the State Legislature for evaluation. This report is worth reading again, as many of the policies, arguments and issues are still valid today. We know that undergrounding utilities is a safer, more aesthetic alternative to poles and above-ground wires and cables - which is why it is addressed in new developments. But due to lack of forward-thinking, it is ONLY addressed for new developments.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 2:07:54 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 2:13:43 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Bidleman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

When the electric company has finished setting a new pole, they cut down a length of the old poll leaving the phone/cable portion on the poll. Since all of these companies in varying degree are a regulated monopoly, it's surprising there are not rules about removing old poles. Some of the old poles have remained in place now for at least two years here on the Big Island making the landscape somewhat trashed. When I have seen a crew removing the old pole, they simply transfer the crossbar over to the new pole, move the wires and remove what is left of the old poll.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 3:26:34 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith Pittman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 4:27:02 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail Bursell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is an important bill, SB3064. I SUPPORT this measure, PLEASE PASS IT.

I have had 2 utility poles directly in front of my property for the past 6 years. I have tried repeatedly to have the older pole removed and have gotten absolutely nowhere by contacting the utility companies. Even though there is an existing statute requiring utility companies to move their wires over within, I believe, 6 months of HECO installing a new pole, this does not ever seem to happen and there is no regulatory inspection or oversight to make sure it happens. Since there are no consequences to the companies for their failure to switch their wires over to new poles, they do not seem to care in the slightest about this blight on our beautiful island. On Kamehameha Hwy in Kaneohe/Kahaluu there are MANY instances of 2 and 3 poles serving one site of provision of utilities. It is an unsafe and truly ugly situation.

This bill is important for many reasons. First is SAFETY! Hawaiian Electric feels the old poles are unsafe. They are installing new poles. The old poles often are damaged and sagging. Second is MAINTENANCE. It is easier (and safer) to work on one pole that is not crowded by other poles. Third is BEAUTY. We live in Hawaii; there is no reason to pollute our views of this island.

We need to have ACCOUNTABILITY to keep our Island safe and beautiful.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 4:37:29 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Sullivan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is an important bill affecting so many areas of our beautiful island. There needs to be a standard that is followed. It took me a few years to get two of the three poles in front of my home on Lilipuna Road removed. When they put up the new, much taller telephone pole, I called and was told the other two would be removed by the other utility companies once they transferred their lines to the new pole.. It didn't happen. I was persistent and followed up every few months, but it took over one and half years to get one more pole removed. Finally the last one was removed several months afterwards due to my repeated follow-up calls. These poles were not only an eyesore in general blocking the view of beautiful Kaneohe Bay, but also a safety concern with lines hanging. I should not have had to spend a couple of years on something that should have automatically been taken care of by the utility companies. I wholeheartedly support bill SB3064.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 6:41:49 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danny Obrero	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support bill SB3064 in order to make our streets safer and more astetically pleasing. This bill will eliminate residents from having to call several utility providers to address this issue.

V/r,

Danny Obrero

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 8:10:48 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Bruns	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2018 9:36:02 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Nicholl	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. The quantity and quality of poles required to support the utility companies and their lack of coordination in installation/use is not conducive to the safety of residents, impacts the visual planes of the aina, increases potential of hazards due to natural causes/acts of God, and passes the costs to maintain separate poles are unfairly passed to the users/customers.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2018 10:13:31 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Vermeesch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB3064. It's unfortunate that such an obvious responsibility by utility providers to remove old and derelict poles has to be legislated. Since that responsibility has not been embraced by the providers, I completely support the bill in order to provide for greater safety, and just as importantly, the aesthetic value of having fewer utility poles marring the landscape.

Mahalo,

Richard Vermeesch

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Submitted on: 2/24/2018 12:13:54 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Ferraro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in favor of this bill since it will require all users of the utility poles to act responsibly, collectively and in a timely manner to upgrade our public infrastructure. From my experience, I observe that HECO does a good and timely repair/replacement to poles. Communication companies lag for years in resetting their cables. Also their cabling is generally untidy or in various states of disarray which is not only unsightly but potentially dangerous.

My concern is who will enforce it and how.

Thank you for writing this bill and moving it to law.

aloha,

Joe Ferraro, FAIA

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Submitted on: 2/24/2018 12:49:56 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Shimata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

What a blight on our neighborhoods. Remove the old pole when the new one is up.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2018 1:21:33 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ruth Holmberg	Testifying for North Shore Outdoor Circle	Support	No

Comments:

On a morning not long ago I counted 20 double poles between my house in Waialua and Foodland Pupukea—a distance of only 8 Miles. I contacted HECO and talked with a representative who explained more than I could ever have imagined about the double pole story. It seems that HECO and Hawaiian Tel and Spectrum and sometimes even City and County need to work more cooperatively to solve this problem.

It is a problem! I understand that the last utility to hook up to a new pole has the responsibility to take down the old pole. That is obviously not happening or not happening with consistency. The visual blight that results is serious. HECO often tops the old pole to make it easier to remove. However, over time these topped poles, if they are not removed, begin to lean making our highways look third world.

Hawaii has many lovely vistas and an abundance of beautiful trees and foliage along our street and highways. It would be ideal to have underground wiring that allows clear views everywhere but we know that would be prohibitively expensive. The very least that we can do is to require our utilities to work together and rid our island of this double (and sometimes triple pole) visual blight!

As a member of the North Shore Outdoor Circle and as a individual, I urge you to pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2018 3:06:32 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martha German	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2018 3:09:44 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gina Hidano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony for S.B. 3064 Relating to utility poles

Hearing Notice 2/26/18

I am in favor of S.B. 3064 for environmental, health, and safety reasons. It is better to be proactive than reactive and create a dialogue for pole removal change. We cannot change fate once an accident has happened but we can try to prevent it.

Gina Hidano

Windward Oahu Citizen

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Submitted on: 2/24/2018 3:23:42 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Barnes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As an engineer with an eye towards doing our very best for the public we serve, it makes a lot of sense to go this step further to coordinate the use of utility poles and to reduce the redundancy that exists and the subsequent degradation that has occurred from multiple poles where one can suffice.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2018 5:32:27 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Margaret Brevoort	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Support this bill to keep Hawaii beautiful!!!

I am a registered voter and own property on Big Island and in Honolulu and have lived here for 20 years. Hawaii leads the way in supporting beautiful landscapes for all to enjoy. Let's do nothing to spoil this!

Margaret Brevoort

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Submitted on: 2/24/2018 6:50:45 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2018 10:22:46 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lila Gardner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of Sen. Gil Riviere's legislation SB3064 to curb the use of these unsightly double telephone poles. They present a visual blight on our landscape and should be discontinued. It would be great not to have any poles above ground at all and maybe eventually we can move in that direction in some future day. For now, let's not add any more double telephone poles and let's remove some that we have if that is possible. This would enhance our visual enjoyment of Hawaii's natural beauty.

Thank you,

Lila Gardner, Makiki Resident

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Submitted on: 2/25/2018 1:08:20 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pauline Mac Neil	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The joint committee's general rule requiring the last utility provider relocating its equipment to a new pole, to pay for the removal of the old pole, is not working. As a result, older poles continue to carry utility lines long after new poles are installed. As older poles weaken with age, they become susceptible to damage and are more likely to fall. Falling poles threaten public safety and create costly power outages and traffic delays.

Please support S.B. 3064 and have older double and triple poles removed in a timely manner. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2018 7:51:47 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rexann Dubiel	Testifying for North Shore Outdoor Circle	Support	No

Comments:

The North Shore Outdoor Circle wholeheartedly supports Sen. Gil Riviere's bill, SB 3064.

As our mission statement is clean, green, and beautiful, we adamantly implore our legislators to pass this bill. Double utility poles are unsightly, unnecessary, and ruin the view planes.

On occasion they are dangerous, especially in high wind events.

Thank you,

Rexann Dubiel

Vice President

North Shore Outdoor Circle

SB-3064

Submitted on: 2/25/2018 8:09:38 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support but have questions as to who will enforce and penalty for non compliance.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2018 8:38:29 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqueline Wah	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of SB3064.

The double telephone poles are extremely ugly and mar the beauty of the North Shore and other locations where I have seen them. Please pass this bill to get the various utility companies to take action on the problem rather than ignoring it.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2018 8:49:41 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Chun	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Daniel Chun and I am in **SUPPORT** of SB 3064.

Across the street from my parent's house is a "double pole" resulting from traffic accident. This double pole has been here for several years. HECO seems diligent. But Hawaiian Telcom and Specturm are NOT.

I am in the construction industry and when poles are moved due to road widening; HECO gets the job done in timely manner. But the project is much further delayed waiting for the other two companies.

Thank you for the opportunity to SUPPORT SB 3064.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2018 2:34:49 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Hagstrom	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/25/2018 2:36:40 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
francine hagstrom	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/25/2018 3:12:52 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia Gillette-Wenner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Having been born and raised on Oahu, as I grew older I was always very sad at the conglomeration of utility poles that marred our beautiful landscape, which only became worse as the years passed. This is a long overdue bill to help correct this eye blight, and please pass the bill for the betterment, and beauty, of a future Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2018 10:20:11 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken LeVasseur	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I would like to support SB3064 because of the many problems that are created by poor cooperation between utility companies. Here in Kahalu'u this is a particularly difficult problem and poles get left in place for months on end. We have Albizia trees that have taken out a pole which was replaced but the old pole was left in place. Another limb fall from the same Albizia then takes out the new pole and a third pole is put in place. But the two previous poles are left in place for months until finally they get removed. Please pass this bill! Aloha

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Submitted on: 2/26/2018 6:18:09 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Woods	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/26/2018 6:27:23 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/26/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BW Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this.