

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

June 7, 2019 GOV. MSG. NO. 1/42

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirtieth 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 June 7, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1319 HD2 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES **ACT 041 (19)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

on <u>JUN 7 2019</u>

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019 STATE OF HAWAII **ORIGINAL**

ACT 041 H.B. NO. H.D. 2 S.D. 2 C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds and declares that the
- 2 issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act is in
- 3 the public interest and for the public health, safety, and
- 4 general welfare.
- 5 SECTION 2. Pursuant to part VI, chapter 39A, Hawaii
- 6 Revised Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the
- 7 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose
- 8 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$700,000,000, in
- 9 one or more series, for the purpose of assisting Hawaiian
- 10 Electric Company, Inc., and including its subsidiaries Maui
- 11 Electric Company, Limited, and Hawaii Electric Light Company,
- 12 Inc., Hawaii corporations, for multi-project capital improvement
- 13 programs, including costs to cover the acquisition of land or
- 14 the construction or acquisition of facilities used or related to
- 15 the production, transmission, or distribution of electricity, or
- 16 any combination thereof; provided that the approval of the
- 17 public utilities commission shall be required for any project



- 1 financed by the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under
- 2 this Act. The special purpose revenue bonds shall be issued for
- 3 the aforementioned purposes in the following distribution:
- 4 (1) Up to \$400,000,000 for Hawaiian Electric Company,
- 5 Inc.;
- 6 (2) Up to \$150,000,000 for Maui Electric Company, Limited;
- 7 and
- 8 (3) Up to \$150,000,000 for Hawaiian Electric Light
- 9 Company, Inc;
- 10 provided that any benefits or savings realized due to the
- 11 issuance of these special purpose revenue bonds shall be
- 12 apportioned to ratepayers.
- 13 The legislature hereby finds and determines that the
- 14 capital improvement projects and programs of Hawaiian Electric
- 15 Company, Inc., and its subsidiaries Maui Electric Company,
- 16 Limited, and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., constitute a
- 17 project as defined in part VI, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 18 Statutes, and the financing thereof is assistance to utilities
- 19 serving the general public in providing electric energy.
- 20 SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
- 21 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act

- 1 shall be issued pursuant to part VI, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 2 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue
- 3 bonds to assist utilities serving the general public in
- 4 providing electric energy.
- 5 SECTION 4. The department of budget and finance is
- 6 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to
- 7 June 30, 2024, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in
- 8 whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be
- 9 necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized
- 10 in section 2 and to refund special purpose revenue bonds
- 11 authorized in this section, regardless of whether the
- 12 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special
- 13 purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of
- 14 redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue
- 15 bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in
- 16 section 2. In making this determination, the department shall
- 17 comply with federal law relating to the exemption from federal
- 18 income taxation of the interest on bonds of the nature
- 19 authorized by this section.

- SECTION 5. The authorization to issue special purpose 1
- 2 revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2024.
- 3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

APPROVED this 7 day of JUN

, 2019

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HB No. 1319, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2019 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

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Brian L. Takeshita

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 30, 2019 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate