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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING PUBLIC UTILITIES TO PROVIDE FIFTY PERCENT RATE
DISCOUNTS TO RETIRED SENIOR CITIZENS.

1 WHEREAS, many retired senior citizens aged sixty years and
2 older live on fixed incomes and tight budgets that require them
3 to limit or curtail the purchase of discretionary goods or
4 services; and

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6 WHEREAS, expenses that cannot be easily limited or
7 curtailed are those offered by public utilities that provide
8 electricity, water, gas, telephone, telecommunications, and
9 taxicab services; and

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11 WHEREAS, the gap between the costs of these services and
12 the fixed incomes of retired senior citizens will tend to widen
13 over time, making it increasingly difficult for a retired senior
14 citizen to budget accordingly; and

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16 WHEREAS, proactive measures must be taken so that retired
17 senior citizens can maintain a reasonable quality of life and
18 afford increasing public utility costs; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
21 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that any public
22 utility having a certificate of public convenience and necessity
23 obtained from the Public Utilities Commission is requested to
24 provide a fifty percent rate discount to any retired senior
25 citizen residing in the State; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
28 is requested to submit a report of its findings and
29 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
30 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
31 the Regular Session of 2021 on actions that have been taken by
32 public utilities or legislation that needs to be enacted to
33 provide the fifty percent rate discounts to retired senior
34 citizens; and

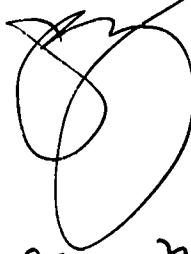


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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and
3 Consumer Affairs and Chairperson of the Public Utilities
4 Commission, who in turn is requested to distribute copies of the
5 Concurrent Resolution to all public utilities that currently
6 hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to
7 them by the Commission.
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