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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO  
IDENTIFY AND REMOVE ANY REDUNDANT UTILITY POLES ON OAHU.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (Hawaiian  
2 Electric) is a utility company in the State that provides  
3 electric services via lines using wooden poles within existing  
4 city and state street right-of-ways to residential communities  
5 and businesses; and  
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7           WHEREAS, Hawaiian Electric owns over 100,000 utility poles  
8 on the island of Oahu; and  
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10          WHEREAS, when new utility poles are installed adjacent to  
11 an existing utility pole for the purpose of transferring  
12 electric, telephone, cable, or other wires from one pole to  
13 another, the original pole is often left in place, resulting in  
14 what is referred to as double poles; and  
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16          WHEREAS, these double poles are in need of removal because  
17 of their close proximity to each other, which creates  
18 redundancies in the placement of utility poles; and  
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20          WHEREAS, a number of wooden utility poles are also in need  
21 of removal due to age, soil conditions, termite infestation, and  
22 other issues that cause the poles to be significantly out of  
23 position, aesthetically unsightly, or susceptible to falling  
24 during times of adverse weather; and  
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26          WHEREAS, the removal of unnecessary and unsightly utility  
27 poles will eliminate a potential public hazard, beautify and  
28 organize utility pole lines, and favorably influence the  
29 surrounding community; now, therefore,  
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31          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
32 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



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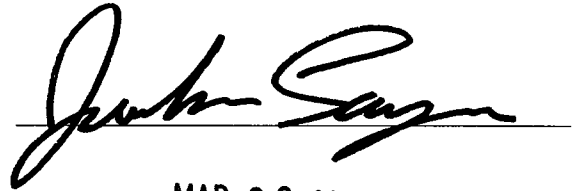
1 of 2022, that Hawaiian Electric is requested to conduct a study  
2 to identify and remove any redundant utility poles on Oahu; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaiian Electric is requested  
5 to consider in its study ways to reduce risk while increasing  
6 efficiency when removing redundant utility poles; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaiian Electric is requested  
9 to submit a report of its study including findings and  
10 recommendations and any proposed legislation, to the Legislature  
11 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
12 Session of 2023; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to the President and Chief Executive  
16 Officer of Hawaiian Electric.  
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OFFERED BY:



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