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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, many retired senior citizens live on fixed incomes
2 and tight budgets, requiring them to limit expenses; and
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4 WHEREAS, the costs of public utilities, including
5 electricity, water, gas, telephone, and telecommunication
6 services are consistently rising and are difficult to limit or
7 negotiate; and
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9 WHEREAS, the widening gaps between the rising costs of
10 public utility services and fixed incomes of retired senior
11 citizens make it increasingly difficult for retired senior
12 citizens to live within their budgets; and
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14 WHEREAS, proactive measures are needed to help retired
15 senior citizens maintain a reasonable quality of life despite
16 rising, but necessary, public utility expenses; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that any public utility
21 having a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued
22 by the Public Utilities Commission is requested to provide a
23 fifty percent rate discount to any customer who is a retired
24 senior citizen; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
27 is requested to assess the actions taken by public utilities and
28 to determine whether any additional legislation is needed to
29 ensure that retired senior citizens receive fifty percent rate
30 discounts; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
33 is requested to submit a report of its findings and



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1 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
2 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
3 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
7 and Consumer Affairs and Chairperson of the Public Utilities
8 Commission, who, in turn, is requested to distribute copies of
9 this Concurrent Resolution to all public utilities that
10 currently hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity
11 issued by the Commission.
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