
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The public utilities commission shall
2 direct each electric and gas utility company in the State to
3 file proposals with the public utilities commission by
4 January 1, 2025, for programs to provide benefits to residential
5 property owners that:

6 (1) Reside in fire-prone areas within the service
7 territory of the electric or gas utility company; and

8 (2) Install improvements to reduce or eliminate the
9 impacts of wildfires on their residential properties
10 or purchase emergency equipment or supplies for use in
11 deenergization events.

12 Benefits shall include but not be limited to financial
13 assistance, rebates, subsidized tariffs or rates, and payment
14 programs.

15 (b) The public utilities commission may approve a program
16 pursuant to chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes; provided that
17 the program or programs are found to be in the public interest.

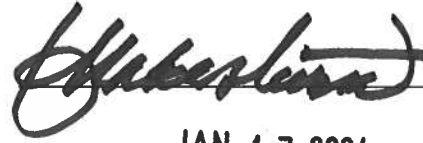


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1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

PUC; Electric and Gas Utility Companies; Residential Property
Wildfire Mitigation; Benefits Program

Description:

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to direct each electric and gas utility company in the State to file proposals for programs to provide certain benefits to residential property owners in fire-prone areas to reduce or eliminate the impacts of wildfires on residential properties or to purchase emergency equipment or supplies for use in deenergization events.

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