
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 utility company in the State to file
3 proposals with the public utilities commission by January 1,
4 2025, for programs to provide benefits to residential property
5 owners that:

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

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

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



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

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



Report Title:

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

Description:

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to direct each electric 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. (SD1)

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