

ACT 247

H.B. NO. 933

A Bill for an Act Relating to Telecommunications Access for Individuals with Print Disabilities.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the public utilities commission has a duty and obligation to obtain and maintain access to a basic set of essential telecommunications services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the public utilities commission to provide free telecommunications access to certain information for persons with a print disability.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the public utilities commission special fund the sum of \$150,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to provide free telecommunications access to certain information for persons with a print disability.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the public utilities commission for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

(Approved July 7, 2023.)