
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII UTILITY COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE UTILITY SERVICES TO
ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A PROCEDURE FOR THE TIMELY
REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED OR UNSIGHTLY UTILITY POLES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Telcom, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.,
2 the subsidiaries of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and Oceanic
3 Time Warner Cable are utility companies in the State, which
4 provide telephone, electric, and cable services via lines using
5 wooden poles within existing city and state street right-of-ways
6 to residential communities and businesses; and
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8 WHEREAS, residents, tenants, and users of urban residential
9 and commercial zoned parcels rely on thousands of wooden poles
10 of various heights for these utility services; and
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12 WHEREAS, a number of these wooden utility poles are in need
13 of removal or replacement due to age, soil conditions, termite
14 infestation, and other reasons that cause the poles to be
15 significantly out of plumb in positioning, aesthetically
16 unsightly, or susceptible to falling during times of adverse
17 weather; and
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19 WHEREAS, currently, Hawaiian Telcom, Hawaiian Electric
20 Company, Inc., the subsidiaries of Hawaiian Electric Company,
21 Inc., and Oceanic Time Warner Cable do not have any defined
22 restoration plans to remove unnecessary poles, or replace
23 damaged or unsightly wooden utility poles with newer poles; and
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25 WHEREAS, if restoration plans have commenced, restoration
26 and replacement is not done in an even statewide manner as some
27 communities receive newer poles in a more timely manner than
28 others; and
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30 WHEREAS, furthermore, if restoration plans have commenced,
31 the restoration plan does not include sufficient oversight to
32 ensure that the plan is sufficiently completed and done in a
33 timely manner; and
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1 WHEREAS, established restoration plans consisting of the
2 timely removal of unnecessary wooden utility poles or the
3 replacement of damaged or unsightly wooden utility poles
4 implemented by utility companies providing utility services to
5 Hawaii residents are needed in order to protect public safety,
6 increase environmental quality, and continue statewide utility
7 services; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
11 Session of 2008, that Hawaiian Telcom, Hawaiian Electric
12 Company, Inc., the subsidiaries of Hawaiian Electric Company,
13 Inc., and Oceanic Time Warner Cable are urged to develop and
14 establish a restoration plan for the removal of unnecessary
15 wooden utility poles, or the replacement of damaged or unsightly
16 wooden utility poles in a timely manner statewide; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the restoration plans developed
19 and implemented by Hawaiian Telcom, Hawaiian Electric Company,
20 Inc., the subsidiaries of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and
21 Oceanic Time Warner Cable include that:

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23 (1) The removal or replacement of wooden utility poles is
24 done within a ninety-day time period from the
25 determination and designation for removal or
26 replacement by a utility company;
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28 (2) A process is developed and implemented to investigate
29 problematic wooden utility poles and designate their
30 removal or replacement;
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32 (3) The process of investigation and designation for
33 removal or replacement covers all communities in which
34 each utility company uses land lines and provides
35 utility services; and
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37 (4) Upon determination and designation for wooden utility
38 pole restoration, proper oversight is implemented over
39 the removal or replacement in order to ensure that the
40 plan is completed properly and done in a timely
41 manner; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
44 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public



1 Utilities Commission, the Executive Director of the Division of
2 Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer
3 Affairs, the Chief Executive Officer of Hawaiian Telcom, the
4 Chief Executive Officer of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. and
5 its subsidiaries, and the Chief Executive Officer of Oceanic
6 Time Warner Cable.

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By Request

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