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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 269-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) All rates, fares, charges, classifications,  
4 schedules, rules, and practices made, charged, or observed by  
5 any public utility or by two or more public utilities jointly  
6 shall be just and reasonable and shall be filed either  
7 electronically or as paper documents with the public utilities  
8 commission. If a document must be signed as a condition for  
9 filing, the requirement is satisfied by an electronic signature.

10 The rates, fares, classifications, charges, and rules of every  
11 public utility shall be published by the public utility in such  
12 manner as the public utilities commission may require, and  
13 copies shall be furnished to any person on request.

14           To the extent the contested case proceedings referred to in  
15 chapter 91 are required in any rate proceeding to ensure  
16 fairness and to provide due process to parties that may be  
17 affected by rates approved by the commission, the evidentiary



1 hearings shall be conducted expeditiously and shall be conducted  
2 as a part of the ratemaking proceeding."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Public Utilities; Electronic Filing

**Description:**

Allows public utilities to make electronic filings with the public utilities commission.

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