
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 269-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
3 and to read as follows:

4 "Basic exchange service" means a service consisting of
5 single-line dial tone, touch tone dialing, access to operator
6 service, access to enhanced 911, telecommunications relay
7 service, telephone directory, and access to directory assistance
8 service via 411 dialing; provided that for the purposes of this
9 definition:

10 (1) "Dial tone" means the ability to make or receive
11 telephone calls with or without operator intervention;

12 (2) "Single-line" means a single-party line or a one-party
13 line; and

14 (3) "Touch tone dialing" means dual tone multi-frequency,
15 as opposed to dial pulse signaling."

16 SECTION 2. Section 269-16.85, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) Notwithstanding section 269-16.9 or any other law to
2 the contrary, the public utilities commission shall treat retail
3 intrastate telecommunications services, under the commission's
4 classification of services relating to costs, rates, and
5 pricing, as fully competitive and apply all commission rules in
6 accordance with that designation. In addition, a
7 telecommunications carrier shall not be required to obtain
8 approval or provide any cost support or other information to
9 establish or otherwise modify in any manner its rates, fares,
10 and charges, or to bundle any service offerings into a single or
11 combined price package; provided that a telecommunications
12 carrier, except upon receiving the approval of the commission,
13 shall not charge a higher rate for any retail telecommunications
14 basic exchange service than the rate for the same service
15 included in the telecommunications carrier's filed tariff. All
16 rates, fares, charges, and bundled service offerings shall be
17 filed with the public utilities commission for information
18 purposes only."

19 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Public Utilities; Telecommunications; Rates

Description:

Limits to retail basic exchange services the services for which a telecommunications carrier must obtain approval from the PUC to charge a rate higher than the filed tariff rate. (SD1)

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