



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 27, 2018

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1161**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2018, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2297 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS  
**ACT 060 (18)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the construction and  
2 maintenance of overhead and underground high voltage power lines  
3 with distribution and transmission voltages require the  
4 specialized skills of electrical workers, such as journeymen  
5 linemen, foremen, and general foreman, who are all trained  
6 certified journeyman lineman. To address a need for individuals  
7 qualified to work with high voltage power lines, the legislature  
8 enacted Act 65, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013 (Act 65). Act 65  
9 provides a limited exemption from electrician licensing  
10 requirements for individuals employed by electrical contractors  
11 who are retained by a public utility within the State to perform  
12 high voltage work for the public utility and who are deemed  
13 qualified by the public utility. However, Act 65 sunsets on  
14 June 30, 2018. The legislature further finds that as Hawaii  
15 continues to experience a shortage of electricians, splicers,  
16 and linemen in the State who are experienced and qualified to  
17 work with high voltage, it is necessary to extend the sunset  
18 date of Act 65.



1 The purpose of this Act is to:

2 (1) Extend the sunset date of Act 65 for an additional  
3 five years; and

4 (2) Require the board of electricians and plumbers to  
5 submit reports to the legislature related to high  
6 voltage work.

7 SECTION 2. Act 65, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, is amended  
8 by amending section 4 to read as follows:

9 "SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
10 provided that on June 30, [~~2018~~] 2023, this Act shall be  
11 repealed and section 448E-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be  
12 reenacted in the form in which it read on the day before the  
13 effective date of this Act."

14 SECTION 3. The board of electricians and plumbers shall  
15 submit reports to the legislature no later than twenty days  
16 prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2019, 2020,  
17 2021, 2022, and 2023. The reports shall include but not be  
18 limited to the following:

19 (1) Any programs in the State that offer vocational  
20 training for licensed electricians to perform high  
21 voltage electrical work;



1           (2) Availability of continuing education, training, or  
2           both, necessary for licensed electricians to acquire  
3           or keep current those skills related to performing  
4           high voltage work;

5           (3) The number of licensed electricians in the State  
6           qualified to perform high voltage electrical work; and

7           (4) Opportunities for growth in the high voltage work  
8           subspecialty.

9           SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10          and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11          SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2018.

APPROVED this 27 day of JUN, 2018





GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2018.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2297, HD 2, CD 1

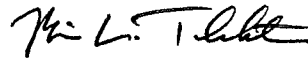
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives