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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING PUBLIC UTILITIES TO PROVIDE FIFTY PERCENT RATE  
DISCOUNTS TO RETIRED SENIOR CITIZENS.

1           WHEREAS, many retired senior citizens aged sixty years and  
2 older live on fixed incomes and tight budgets that require them  
3 to limit or curtail the purchase of discretionary goods or  
4 services; and

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6           WHEREAS, expenses that cannot be easily limited or  
7 curtailed are those offered by public utilities that provide  
8 electricity, water, gas, telephone, telecommunications, and  
9 taxicab services; and

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11           WHEREAS, the gap between the costs of these services and  
12 the fixed incomes of retired senior citizens will tend to widen  
13 over time, making it increasingly difficult for a retired senior  
14 citizen to budget accordingly; and

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16           WHEREAS, proactive measures must be taken so that retired  
17 senior citizens can maintain a reasonable quality of life and  
18 afford increasing public utility costs; now, therefore,

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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
21 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
22 Representatives concurring, that any public utility having a  
23 certificate of public convenience and necessity obtained from  
24 the Public Utilities Commission is requested to provide a fifty  
25 percent rate discount to any retired senior citizen residing in  
26 the State; and

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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission  
29 is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
30 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
31 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
32 the Regular Session of 2021 on actions that have been taken by



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1 public utilities or legislation that needs to be enacted to  
2 provide the fifty percent rate discounts to retired senior  
3 citizens; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce  
7 and Consumer Affairs and Chairperson of the Public Utilities  
8 Commission, who in turn is requested to distribute copies of the  
9 Concurrent Resolution to all public utilities that currently  
10 hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to  
11 them by the Commission.  
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