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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 Thirty-first
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
22 House of Representatives concurring, that any public utility
23 having a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued
24 by the Public Utilities Commission is requested to provide a
25 fifty percent rate discount to any retired senior citizen
26 residing in the State; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
29 is requested to survey actions that have been taken by public
30 utilities or determine what legislation that needs to be
31 enacted, if any, to provide a fifty percent rate discounts to
32 retired senior citizens; and
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S.C.R. NO. 116

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
2 is requested to submit a report of its findings and
3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the Regular Session of 2022; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
9 and Consumer Affairs and Chairperson of the Public Utilities
10 Commission, who in turn is requested to distribute copies of the
11 Concurrent Resolution to all public utilities that currently
12 hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by
13 the Commission.
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