
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PRINT
DISABILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the public utilities
2 commission has a duty and obligation to obtain and maintain
3 access to a basic set of essential telecommunications services
4 for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
6 public utilities commission to provide free telecommunications
7 access to certain information for persons with a print
8 disability.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
12 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
13 2024-2025 to provide free telecommunications access to certain
14 information for persons with a print disability.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the public
16 utilities commission for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
2 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
4 appropriations contained in H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1,
5 C.D. 1, will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
6 for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be exceeded by \$1,063,767,367 or
7 10 per cent. In addition, the appropriations contained in this
8 Act will cause the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal
9 year 2023-2024 to be further exceeded by \$150,000 or 1 per cent.
10 The combined total amount of general fund appropriations
11 contained in only these two Acts will cause the state general
12 fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be
13 exceeded by \$1,063,917,367 or 11 per cent. The reasons for
14 exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

15 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
16 serve the public interest; and

17 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
18 addressed by this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



H.B. NO. 933
H.D. 2
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

Report Title:

Deaf and Blind Task Force; Public Utilities Commission; Print Disabilities; Telecommunications Access; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Public Utilities Commission to provide free telecommunications access to certain information for individuals with a print disability. (CD1)

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