

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1657

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2025

RE: H.B. No. 448
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 448, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY ENABLEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote economic development and tourism by appropriating moneys to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to assist small businesses, including those in the tourism sector, with technology enablement.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, Hawaii Tourism Authority, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Food Industry Association, and The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

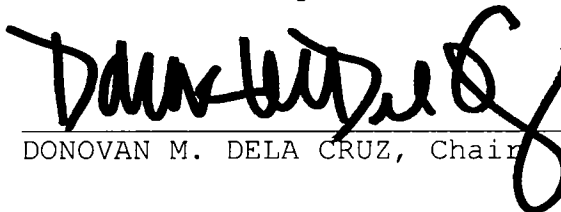
Your Committee finds that technology integration is essential for small businesses in Hawaii, particularly those in the tourism sector. Your Committee further finds that technology integration enables small businesses to thrive in the global marketplace by lowering operational costs, expanding market reach, and enhancing the customer experience. Appropriating moneys to support technology integration by small businesses will contribute to the economic sustainability and growth of Hawaii businesses and the Hawaii tourism industry.



Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 448, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 448, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB448 HD1	EDT, WAM	3/31/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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