

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2698
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 2698, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Broadband Commission and the Hawaii Broadband Commissioner to promote and maximize the availability of broadband services in the State; and
- (2) Appropriate unspecified funds for the work of the Commission.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the High Technology Development Corporation, TW Telecom, and Oceanic Time Warner Cable. Testimony in opposition was submitted by the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and AT&T.

Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that, while this measure would contribute to the State's efforts to expand access to broadband services in Hawaii, it would require financial and other resources at a time when services and personnel are being cut statewide.



Your Committee believes a more modest approach is warranted at this time and has replaced the language in this measure with language from S.B. No. 2543, S.D. 2, which was previously heard and approved by your Committee. As amended, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, in conjunction with expanded digital cable programming and services, to promote and encourage telework;
- (2) Establishes a Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance Advisory Council;
- (3) Establishes a work group to develop procedures for streamlined permitting functions applicable to development of broadband services or technology;
- (4) Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to report annually to the Legislature on expenditures of federal moneys for broadband facilities, services, equipment, or contracts;
- (5) Adds a findings and purpose section to reflect the above provisions; and
- (6) Changes the effective date from July 1, 2112, to July 1, 2010.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2698, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2698, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development and Technology,


CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
HEE, Clayton				✓
IGE, David Y.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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