STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 880

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Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 880 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION."

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enable public utilities to file rates, fares, charges, classifications, schedules, rules, and practices with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) by electronic transmission.

The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs testified in support of this bill. Hawaiian Telcom testified in support of this measure, with suggested amendments. The Commission opposed the measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Defining "electronic transmission" as any electronic data transfer implemented by the Commission that allows the Commission to accept electronic document files;
- (2) Including an unspecified appropriation amount from the Commission's Special Fund for computer modernization upgrades to allow the commission to accept electronic filings;

- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2011; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 880, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 880, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 880 Committee	e Referral: UP(L, FIN Date:	2/2/	2011
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	/_			
2. YAMANE, Ryan I. (VC)				
3. BROWER, Tom				
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				M
5. CARROLL, Mele				1
6. ITO, Ken				
7. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				
8. LUKE, Sylvia				
9. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
10. MORITA, Hermina M.				
11. OSHIRO, Blake K.				,
12. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
13. TSUJI, Clift				
14. CHING, Corinne W.L.				
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
16. THIELEN, Cynthia			=	

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TOTAL (16)	10			6
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. Committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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