STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2583**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 2 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2435

S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2435 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION ACCESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division of the Department of Human Services to contract for a telephone-based audible information access service.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Department of Human Services and the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that many persons in Hawaii have visual disabilities, and while it may not be practical for the State to provide time-sensitive printed materials in formats such as braille, large print, and audio recordings, another option is to provide telephone-based audible information access services for persons who are visually impaired. This measure provides funds to maintain a telephone-based audible information access service.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting the specific amount appropriated to promote further discussion of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2435, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2435, S.D. 1.

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

DAVID Y. IGE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
SB 2435	HMS,WAM			2/28/12	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)		_			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)		/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
ESPERO, Will		/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol					
KIM, Donna Mercado			:		
KAHELE, Gilbert).			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.					
RYAN, Pohai					
TOKUDA, Jill N.					
WAKAI, Glenn					
SLOM, Sam					
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TOTAL		12	0	0	2
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: - Sudani'					
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