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Honolulu, Hawaii **Famary 1**, 2017 RE: H.B. No. 597 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 597 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure, as received by your Committee, is to make a technical amendment to the general objectives, functions, and duties of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

For the purpose of a public hearing on this bill, your Committee circulated a Proposed H.B. No. 597, H.D. 1 (Proposed Draft), and notified the public that it would be accepting testimony on the Proposed Draft, which, among other things:

- Authorizes the establishment within DBEDT of one fulltime equivalent permanent Broadband Coordinator position to create a state broadband plan;
- (2) Specifies a minimum of six content areas that must be in the plan;
- (3) Requires the Broadband Coordinator to develop and include in a report to the Legislature, legislation to



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establish a Broadband Review Panel to serve as a Broadband Regulatory Authority; and

(4) Appropriates funds for the Broadband Coordinator position.

DBEDT submitted comments on this bill.

Your Committee considered the merits of both the H.B. 597, as received by your Committee, and the Proposed Draft, and after careful consideration, adopted the Proposed Draft with the following amendments:

- Authorizing the Broadband Coordinator to consider for inclusion in the state broadband plan the six content areas that were required to be in the plan;
- (2) Specifying three new content areas that must be include in the plan;
- (3) Amending the effective date to July 1, 2038, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 597, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 597, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Economic Development & Business,

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MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-ninth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 597	Committee Referral: EDB, FIN) Date:	/15/17	-
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: θ Pass, unamended (as is) θ Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)				
2. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)			unnum ni sing samu si	
3. HOLT, Daniel			an a	
4. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				
5. TAKUMI, Roy M.				
6. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohil	ani			
				
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TOTAL (7)	(F)			
The recommendation is: Adopted θ Not Adopted If joint referral,				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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