STAND. COM. REP. NO. 24

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8 , 2

2019

RE: H.B. No. 272

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Intrastate Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 272 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt public utilities providing basic exchange service to every county in the State, or any affiliate or parent of such public utilities, from the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and Consumer Advocate, including provisions relating to financial reporting, rate regulation, issuance of securitized assets, disposal of property, and relations with affiliates.

Hawaiian Telcom testified in support of this measure. Charter Communications testified in opposition to this measure. The Public Utilities Commission and Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee notes that this measure's updates to the telecommunications regulatory framework will allow time for public utilities to try out a structure with reduced regulations. However, should the new regulatory framework result in harm to the consumers, the regulatory framework will revert back to the framework that was in place in 2019.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, and adding a sunset date of July 1, 2023; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Intrastate Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 272, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 272, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Intrastate Commerce,

TAKASHI OHNO, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The THIRTIETH Legislature



## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Intrastate Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 272	Committee Referral:	Date:	02/0	7/19
☐ 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)				
IAC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OHNO, Takashi (C)	V			
2. KOBAYASHI, Dale T. (VC)				
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
4 VONC Sam Satarus				
4. KONG, Sam Satoru				
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
3. William 10, Scott 1.				
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
7. McDERMOTT, Bob	<u> </u>	ACT TO SHOULD BE SHOULD BE		
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The recommendation is:  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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