

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **738**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28 2019**

RE: S.B. No. 337  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 337 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make the legislative process more accessible to all residents of the State.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the remote legislative access program;
- (2) Requires the Joint Legislative Access Committee to oversee the program's staff and operations and recommend policies for the program; and
- (3) Appropriates moneys to the Legislature to establish the remote legislative access program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board, Democratic Party of Hawaii, and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that communication technology has improved in ways that make the legislative process more accessible to individuals with disabilities and individuals who live outside




of urban Honolulu. Accordingly, your Committee believes that this measure will provide increased opportunity for public participation in the legislative process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 337, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 337, S.D. 1.

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

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Ways and Means**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 337</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TEC, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/20/19</b>
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil				X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>2</b>

Recommendation:

Adopted

Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:



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