STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1996 Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 2 4 , 2021 RE: H.C.R. No. 161 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 161 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ADOPTING THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE DIGITAL EQUITY DECLARATION FOR HAWAII ADOPTED BY THE BROADBAND HUI,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support and adopt the goals set forth in the Digital Equity Declaration that was adopted by the Broadband Hui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Education; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; AlohaCare; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Broadband Hui; Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that digital equity allows all Hawaii residents, keiki to kupuna, to have the information technology capacity to participate fully in the State's society, democratic process, and economy, including civics, social and cultural activities, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services. This measure addresses inequitable digital access in the State by supporting efforts to empower Hawaii residents with

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adequate broadband infrastructure and affordable high-quality broadband service.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 161, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 161, H.D. 1.

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

SEAN OUINLAN.

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development

	e Referral:) , (P(Date:	-23-21	
□ 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)				
ECD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, If joint referral, If joint referral, Committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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