STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2160** -22

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 , 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 41

S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 41, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE TO CONDUCT A DATA MAPPING STUDY TO IDENTIFY GEOGRAPHICALLY UNDERSERVED AND UNSERVED AREAS IN THE STATE THAT LACK QUALITY BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office conduct a data mapping study to identify geographically underserved and unserved areas in the State that lack quality broadband connectivity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has magnified the need for broadband access for all residents in the State. Your Committee further finds that in recognition of this, the federal government has funded broadband equity and digital equity programs across the country. However, to achieve the goals set forth in these federal programs, high resolution location data is needed to determine unserved and

underserved areas throughout Hawaii. This measure will assist the State in identifying geographically underserved and unserved areas that lack quality broadband connectivity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language requesting that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism allocate \$150,000 to contract for data mapping services; and
- (2) 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 41, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 41, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 41, SDA	Committee Referral:	Date:	4-21-	22
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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	J			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)				
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				
TAXOLITO, ARMALJ BIOL				
4. HAR, Sharon E.				\checkmark
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				The second secon
6. KONG, Sam Satoru				
7. MIZUNO, John M.				
8. MORIKAWA, Dee				
o. MOMINAWA, Det				
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
10. TARNAS, David A.				
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				
TOTAL (11)	17	<i>d</i>	ð	4
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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