STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2012-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 18 , 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 41 S.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 Higher Education & Technology, 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 the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to conduct a data mapping study to identify geographically underserved and unserved areas in the State.

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

Your Committee finds that the State has the responsibility to provide equitable access to broadband internet and service for residents as opportunities continue to arise in the areas of teleworking, distance learning, and telehealth. However, the experiences of Hawaii residents in rural areas, such as Hawaii island, Molokai, and Hana, Maui, demonstrate that the Federal Communications Commission's data maps lack information, data, and

geographical knowledge regarding underserved and unserved communities in Hawaii. This measure seeks more accurate data maps to identify and assist areas in the State that are underserved and unserved with quality broadband connectivity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 41, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology,

GREGA TAKATAMA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.: SER 41 SD/	Committee Referral: HET, CPC	Date:	-13-202	2
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previ	ious 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)				
HET Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	V			
2. CLARK, Linda (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au	V			
4. COSTALES, Luella				
5. GANADEN, Sonny	V			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	V			
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
8. KAPELA, Jeanne	<i>V</i>			
9. OHNO, Takashi	V			<u>.</u>
10. QUINLAN, Sean				
11. WOODSON, Justin H.				V
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.	V			
13. OKIMOTO, Val				V
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TOTAL (13)	10	0	0	3
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature Signature Clark				
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