

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1327
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 1327, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF ELECTRONIC FILING BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the electronic filing of documents by and with the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Public Utilities Commission, and Hawaiian Telcom. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Your Committee finds that Act 72, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 72), authorized the Public Utilities Commission to use certain electronic filing processes along with certain electronic service of documents. However, your Committee further finds that Act 72 did not address all areas under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission. As such, certain provisions in the statutory chapters for utilities, motor carriers, and water carriers still do not allow for electronic filing or electronic service. This measure makes various housekeeping amendments to

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fully authorize electronic filing and accompanying electronic transmission of service of process by the Public Utilities Commission and parties within its jurisdiction.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1327, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1327, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



