

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 752
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor and Technology, to which was referred
S.B. No. 752 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to establish a temporary working group to conduct a study that identifies state office buildings that can allow certain residents, including residents with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative hearings; and
- (2) Require a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Office of Enterprise Technology Services, Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii State Public Library System, Full Life, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices.

Your Committee finds that this measure promotes equal access to the legislative process to residents throughout the State, particularly residents in rural areas and residents with



disabilities. According to testimony received by your Committee, when the Legislature began offering virtual testimony, the Hawaii State Library System, which has fifty-one locations across the State, began offering information and services for patrons to participate in the state legislative process at their local public library. This measure seeks to further encourage greater civic participation from residents of the State who have difficulty with physically accessing the State Capitol.

Your Committee recognizes the concerns of the Office of Information Practices regarding the working group's exemption from part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the Sunshine Law. Your Committee notes that during the public hearing on this measure, the Department of Accounting and General Services indicated that the Comptroller is able and willing to identify state resources that can allow certain residents to participate remotely in legislative hearings and report the findings to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2024.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

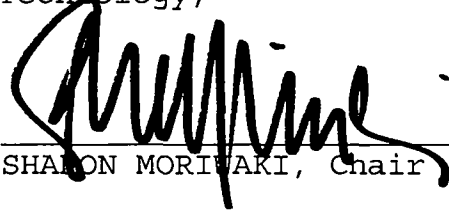
- (1) Deleting language that would have required the Office Enterprise Technology Services to establish a temporary working group to conduct a study;
- (2) Requiring the Comptroller, instead of a working group, to identify state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow certain residents to participate remotely in legislative hearings and report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2024;
- (3) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (4) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion;
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.



No. 752, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 752, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor and
Technology,


SHARON MORIWAKI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Labor and Technology
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB752</i>	Committee Referral: <i>LBT, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/6/23</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (C)	x			
LEE, Chris (VC)	x			
IHARA, Jr., Les	x			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	x			
FEVELLA, Kurt	x			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes