

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023 MAR 30

RE: H.R. No. 137

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 Culture, Arts & International Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 137 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2 THROUGH OCTOBER 6, 2023, AND OCTOBER 7 THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2024, AS DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK IN THE STATE OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize October 2 through October 6, 2023, and October 7 through October 11, 2024, as digital inclusion week in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Your Committee finds that broadband access has helped deliver public health information to vulnerable Hawaii residents who experience socioeconomic disparities and those who live in underserved communities. Your Committee further finds many rural, agricultural, and lower-income communities throughout the State lack access to reliable and affordable broadband due to the lack of infrastructure; discrimination in investment in delivering technology to specific areas; or barriers derived from socioeconomic status, education, literacy, language, or

disabilities. Your Committee therefore finds that this measure will raise awareness of the need for digital equity and will promote digital inclusion.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing recognition of October 7 through October 11, 2024, as Digital Inclusion Week, in order to limit application of this measure to a one-year period;
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (3) 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 Culture, Arts & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 137, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 137, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs,

ADRIAN K. TAM, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature



## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs**

Bill/Resolution No.: HR137	Committee	e Referral:	Date: 3/22/23		
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)					
CAI Membe	ers	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAM, Adrian K. (C)		X			
2. MARTINEZ, Rose (VC)	) 	X Silense	<b>1011</b> 100		
3. GARRETT, Andrew Ta	kuva	X			
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4. KAPELA, Jeanne		X	<u> </u>		A ( 2 )
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5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.		X	P40.11		Tayy mananitani sikalifalika 24
6. SAYAMA, Jackson D.					
7. ALCOS III, David		χ			
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The recommendation is:  Adopted					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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