STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1793

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 6 2023

RE: H.B. No. 963

H.D. 1 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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 963, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BROADBAND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for various programs related to broadband internet access.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; University of Hawaii; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; AARP Hawaii; AlohaCare; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Vibrant Hawaii; and three individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from Hawaiian Telcom.

Your Committee finds that supporting programs related to broadband internet access will ensure that all residents of the State are able to fully participate in society, democracy, and the economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriations from \$33,000,000 and \$95,000,000, respectively, to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Making a technical nonsubstantive amendment for the purpose of clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 963, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 963, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)		×			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.		X			
DECOITE, Lynn		X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		×			
KIDANI, Michelle N.		×			
KIM, Donna Mercado		Ϋ́			
LEE, Chris		X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.		X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		X			
WAKAI, Glenn		X			
FEVELLA, Kurt		X			
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TOTAL		13			
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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