

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 50

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB - 7 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1317
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. 1317 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
general funds for federal broadband programs matching fund
requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Department of Budget
and Finance; Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Primary Care
Association; and Hawaiian Telcom Services Company, Inc.

Your Committee finds that the Legislature enacted Act 231,
Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, to ensure that it takes full
advantage of available funds to build and maintain the broadband
infrastructure necessary to sustain interconnectivity throughout
the State. According to testimony received by your Committee, the
State needs to demonstrate that matching funds are available to be
awarded additional federal Broadband Equity, Access, and
Deployment funding to improve broadband access in the State.
Based on oral testimony received, your Committee further finds
that the composition of the working group established pursuant to
Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, should be amended to



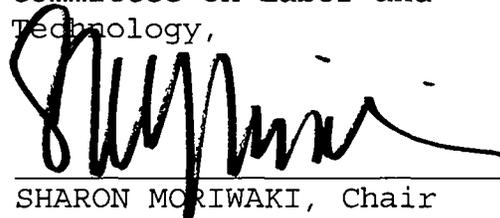
facilitate its purpose in determining the appropriate governance structure to implement, operate, and maintain broadband infrastructure development in the State.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the language of Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, to require the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to convene and chair the working group;
- (2) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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. 1317, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1317, 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

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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 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (C)	✓			
LEE, Chris (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4 3			2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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