

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 371
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 371, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY DAMAGE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the offense of criminal property damage to critical infrastructure facilities in the first and second degree; and
- (2) Add commitment of the offense of criminal damage of critical infrastructure facilities that causes the death of another person to the offense of manslaughter.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Charter Communications.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the State is increasingly reliant on electrical grid infrastructure to provide power for essential services like respiratory devices, temperature control, and emergency response. However, this increased reliance makes the



State vulnerable to any criminal act that damages infrastructure. This measure will address scenarios where an offender intentionally damages critical infrastructure to prevent actions that endanger critical infrastructure facilities such as water systems, telecommunication networks, emergency services, transportation infrastructure like roads and airports, or financial systems.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that for the offenses of criminal property damage of a critical infrastructure in the first and second degrees, the term "critical infrastructure facility" includes broadband and cable television networks;
- (2) Deleting language that would have added commitment of the offense of criminal damage of critical infrastructure facilities that causes the death of another person to the offense of manslaughter; and
- (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 Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 371, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 371, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

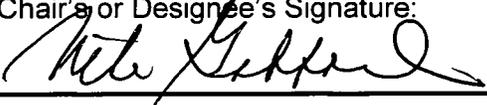


KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 371, SD1	ELG/BSM, JDC	2/26/25		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
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