

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

599

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2011

RE: S.B. No. 893  
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 893, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION ACCESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Direct the Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division of the Department of Human Services to contract for a telephone-based service to provide access to timely print media; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to establish and maintain the telephone-based service.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Milton Ota, Sponsor Agent, National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, NFB Newslite Program; Kyle S. Laconsay, President, National Federation of the Blind, Hawaii; and ten individuals.

Your Committee finds that access to newspapers, publications, and other time-sensitive material via a telephone-based service is an important service to many blind and visually-impaired individuals. However, your Committee notes that concerns have been raised as to whether the Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division of the Department of Human Services has a special fund at its disposal to establish and maintain such a system.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

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 S.B. No. 893, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 893, S.D. 2.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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**WAM**

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SB 893 SD1	CPN, WAM	2/24/11		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	13	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Suzanne Chun Oakland</i>				
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