

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2524

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2524, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to modernize the State's broadband and telecommunications infrastructure by, among other things:

- (1) Establishing a Communications Division within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to be headed by the Communications Commissioner;
- (2) Granting general regulatory supervision over all telecommunications carriers and cable operators to the Commissioner and transferring certain regulatory functions from the Public Utilities Commission to the Communications Division;
- (3) Requiring the Commissioner to develop programs and initiatives to encourage and facilitate the deployment of broadband services and access to those services within the State; and



- (4) Requiring the Commissioner to investigate measures to streamline and expedite permitting and approval processes for the construction of broadband service infrastructure.

The Office of the Governor, Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supported this bill. Oceanic Time Warner Cable and tw telecom of hawaii lp opposed this measure. The State Procurement Office, Office of Information Practices, Department of Human Resources Development, Hawaiian Telcom, AT&T, Life of the Land, Hawaiian Electric Company, Hawaii Electric Light Company, and Maui Electric Company provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2524, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committees on Finance and Legislative Management.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

HSCR 623-12

Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2524 HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>ERB, CPC, FIN/LMG</b>	Date: <b>8/15/2012</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	/			
2. YAMANE, Ryan I. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom				/
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	/			
5. CARROLL, Mele	/			
6. COFFMAN, Denny	/			
7. ITO, Ken	/			
8. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
9. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
10. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				/
11. SOUKI, Joseph M.	/			
12. TSUJI, Clift	/			
13. CHING, Corinne W.L.	/			
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.		/		
15. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
<b>TOTAL (15)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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