

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1204

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 892
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 892, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OMNIBUS HAWAII RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the State resilience and sustainability strategy by appropriating funds for broadband, joint emergency management, energy efficiency and grid operations, and water and sewer infrastructure.

The Hawaii State Fire General, Honolulu Fire Department; Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability; United States Pacific Command; and an individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; High Technology Development Corporation; and Hawaii Farm Bureau testified in support of the intent of this measure. The Department of Health and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee notes that the Hawaii resilience and sustainability strategy detailed in this measure addresses potential changes to the State's approach and strategy regarding broadband. As currently drafted, many of the sums appropriated in this measure for broadband are to be expended by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Given that the

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Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs also has a vested interest in State broadband strategy, your Committee notes that it is the intent of the Legislature that the two agencies work together in determining the most efficient usage of broadband appropriations, both in this measure and in the budget.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2112.

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 S.B. No. 892, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 892, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



