

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 17, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2511

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred S.B. No. 2511 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS,".

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the membership of the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council. More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Includes the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism or the Director's designee as a permanent member of the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council;
- (2) Ensures that each county is represented by at least one government official member on the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council;
- (3) Authorizes the chair of the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council to designate ad hoc members of the Council or of Council working groups; and
- (4) Clarifies provisions relating to the expiration of council members' terms.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Cable Television Division testified in support of this measure.



Broadband service has become essential information infrastructure in the Twenty-first Century and access to it must be expanded. The Broadband Assistance Advisory Council advises the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs on policy and funding priorities to promote and encourage the use of telework alternatives for public and private employees and to expedite the development of affordable and accessible broadband services in Hawaii. Your Committee finds that the membership of the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council does not currently include representation from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, every county, or other interested public or private sector organizations. Your Committee finds that inclusion of these other parties will enhance the Advisory Council's ability to advise on broadband-related policy for the entire State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2511 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business,



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, Chair



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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2511	Committee Referral: EDB, CPC	Date: MARCH 11, 2016		
<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)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. (C)	✓			
2. KONG, Sam Satoru (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom				✓
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. DeCOITE, Lynn				✓
7. ITO, Ken				✓
8. OHNO, Takashi				✓
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
14. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (14)	9			5
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>James S. Kunane</i></u>				
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