

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

708

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 798  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 798 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUTING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a temporary Telecommuting Task Force to develop incentives and recommendations to encourage and expand telecommuting opportunities in the public and private sectors.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Transportation; and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committees find that the dependence of workers on automobiles for the daily commute to work increases traffic-related congestion on Hawaii's roadways, reduces hours in which employees may be productive on the job, causes employees to spend time commuting rather than with family, and results in the people of Hawaii becoming more dependent on foreign fossil fuel sources, which results in increased carbon emissions. Your Committees also find that telecommuting provides an opportunity for employers to increase employee productivity, decrease use of employee sick



leave, increase the labor pool, and improve employee retention; therefore, your Committees find that Hawaii should promote efforts to adopt telecommuting as a workplace alternative.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the members of the Telecommuting Task Force shall collectively appoint a chairperson from amongst themselves; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 798, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 798, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Judiciary and  
Labor and Economic Development,  
Tourism, and Technology,



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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN Chair



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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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
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