

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1995
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Intrastate Commerce, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1995 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect unfettered access
to the internet by the people of Hawaii, despite the December 2017
decision by the United States Federal Communications Commission to
overturn its net neutrality rules, by:

- (1) Regulating providers of broadband internet access
service in Hawaii; and
- (2) Establishing a task force to study the establishment of
a state-owned public utility company to provide internet
service to consumers in Hawaii, including the costs and
benefits of doing so.

Americans for Democratic Action and Progressive Democrats of
Hawaii supported the measure. The Department of Business,
Economic Development and Tourism; AT&T; Charter Communications;
Computing Technology Industry Association; and Cellular
Telecommunications and Internet Association opposed the measure.
Hawaiian Telcom submitted comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that a provider of broadband internet access service in Hawaii must publicly disclose accurate information regarding the network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of its broadband internet access services;
- (2) Requiring that the Public Utilities Commission, rather than the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, host the task force;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Intrastate Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1995, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1995, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Intrastate
Commerce,



TAKASHI OHNO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

HSCR 163-18

Record of Votes of the Committee on Intrastate Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1995	Committee Referral: IAC, CPC, FIN	Date: 1/31/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
IAC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OHNO, Takashi (C)	✓			
2. CHOY, Isaac W. (VC)	✓			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
4. FUKUMOTO, Beth	✓			
5. ITO, Ken	✓			
6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
10. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (10)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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