

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2019

RE: H.B. No. 533  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Technology and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 533, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BROADBAND,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Broadband Office within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
- (2) Establish the position of State Broadband Strategy Officer;
- (3) Require the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene and chair the Broadband Advisory Council; and
- (4) Rename the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council as the Broadband Advisory Council and amend its purpose and membership.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and



Tourism; Department of Education; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Cable Television Division; Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; and Oahu Economic Development Board.

Your Committees find that there is a strong relationship between broadband access and economic development, education, health, community building, and civic engagement throughout the State. Your Committees find that broadband is essential to maintain Hawaii's global competitiveness and a modern life style, as its use grows in all sectors, particularly in education, retail, and government services. Furthermore, Hawaii's youth will have a critical hardship to overcome if they are not taught vital digital skills or are deprived of educational opportunities that require broadband access. This measure establishes the Hawaii Broadband Office and restructures the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council to improve broadband services throughout the State.

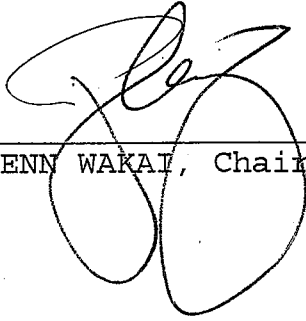
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism with the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation as the lead agency; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Technology and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 533, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 533, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



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



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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Technology**  
**TEC**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB-533 HD-2	TEC/EET, WAM	2-19-2019		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				✓
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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