

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1691

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2019

RE: S.R. No. 105

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.R. No. 105 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION MANDATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF BACKUP POWER
GENERATORS FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS AND COLLECT
AND PUBLISH DATA ON CELLULAR TOWER BACKUP CAPACITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Public Utilities Commission to monitor compliance with the Federal
Communications Commission mandates for the deployment of backup
power generators for wireless communications providers and collect
and publish data on cellular tower backup capacity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the O'ahu County Democrats Committee on Legislative Priorities
and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's rural communities are
increasingly reliant on wireless voice communications via
cellphone carriers. As a result, it is necessary for wireless
communications carriers to provide resilient backup for their
transmission equipment so that reliable communication is available
when there are utility power outages. Your Committee further
finds that increased data transparency would be helpful for the



public to make informed decisions when choosing a wireless communications provider. Collecting and publishing data and statistics on backup power capacity for wireless cellular towers may also provide greater assurances to the public regarding the reliability of a particular wireless communications provider's network. This measure requests the Public Utilities Commission to monitor compliance for backup power generators for wireless communications providers and collect and publish data on cellular tower backup capacity which will ensure certain federal mandates are met and promote transparency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 105 and recommends its adoption.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Thirtieth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR105</i>	Committee Referral: <i>CPH</i>	Date: <i>3/20/19</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)				/
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>3</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes