

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3387**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2527
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2527, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BROADBAND SERVICE
INFRASTRUCTURE, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate the deployment of broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas of the State.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a broadband infrastructure grant program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to award grants to eligible projects pursuant to the program;
- (2) Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to implement the broadband infrastructure grant program; and
- (3) Appropriates funds for the establishment and administration of the broadband infrastructure grant program.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Charter Communications and two individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from Keep Your Power and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

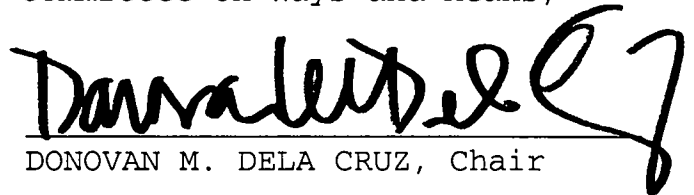
Your Committee finds that this measure supports increased efficiency and effectiveness of economic development, education, health care, and emergency services by facilitating the deployment of broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas of the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the section of the bill that provides an appropriation to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the establishment and administration of the broadband infrastructure grant program; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2527, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2527, S.D. 2.

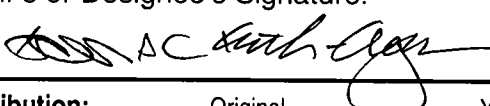
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
<i>SD 2527, SD 1</i>	<i>TEL/EET, WAM</i>	<i>2/28/20</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 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	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X	
HARIMOTO, Breene	X	
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X	
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X	
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X	
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X	
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X	
RIVIERE, Gil		X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X	
FEVELLA, Kurt	X	
TOTAL	11	2
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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