

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

488

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 516
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 516, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ELECTRONICS
MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote electronics stewardship and reduce electronic waste in the State by establishing the Electronic Device and Television Donation Act to require all persons receiving state funds and state financial assistance to donate unnecessary but functioning electronic devices to nonprofit organizations that will refurbish and distribute the devices to eligible persons in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Hawaiian Hope Org, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that the growth in the technology industry has led to ongoing escalation of electronic waste in landfills. Your Committee also finds that while recycling of electronic devices prevents valuable materials from being wasted, preventing waste in the first place is preferable to waste management. Donating used but functioning electronic devices for

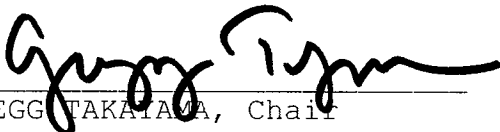
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reuse extends the life of valuable products, keeps devices out of the waste stream for a longer period of time, and serves a valuable public purpose and benefit. Your Committee further finds that this measure will provide greater access to nonprofits in the State to refurbish computers and other electronic devices for community use, instead of these items being discarded as electronic waste.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 516, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education &
Technology,



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



State of Hawaii
 House of Representatives
 The Thirty-first Legislature **HSCR 488**

Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 516, HDI	Committee Referral: GVR, HET, FIN	Date: 2-17-21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
HET Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	✓			
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
5. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
6. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
7. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
10. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
12. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL (12)	12	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Lynne Carter</i>				
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