

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1526

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 , 2021

RE: H.R. No. 36

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.R. No. 36 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO GRANT ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO STOP UNWANTED AND ILLEGAL ROBOCALLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to grant additional authority to the Federal Communications Commission to stop unwanted and illegal robocalls.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that robocalls, spoofing calls, and robocalls that employ spoofing technology are a major consumer issue. Robocalls are unsolicited prerecorded telemarketing calls through the use of a computerized autodialer. Spoofing calls are calls conducted with a deliberately falsified caller identification to disguise the identity of the number of the caller. United States consumers receive billions of robocalls, spoofing calls, and robocalls that employ spoofing technology each year.

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Your Committee further finds that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is the federal agency tasked with regulating interstate and international communications, including robocalls and spoofing calls. The FCC has made progress on curbing and deterring robocalls and spoofing calls. In penalizing parties that deploy robocalls and spoofing calls, the FCC has imposed millions of dollars in fines. Your Committee, however, finds that further legal authority and resources will allow the FCC to dramatically curb the practice of robocalls and spoofing calls.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 36 and recommends its adoption.

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

Aaron Ling Johnson for

AARON LING JOHNSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 36	Committee Referral: CPC	Date: 3/19/21		
<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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1
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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