

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 28 2023**

RE: S.B. No. 1327  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 1327, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF ELECTRONIC FILING BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to use electronic filing processes, including electronic service of documents, under the statutory chapters regulating public utilities, motor carriers, and water carriers.

Your Committee on Conference finds that under existing law, public utilities, motor carriers, and water carriers must file or serve hard copies of documents with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). These filings can often exceed ten thousand pages and fill ten to fifteen boxes. During the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, electronic filings to the PUC were temporarily allowed, dramatically



streamlining the filing process. This measure makes those operational improvements permanent, thus enhancing the regulatory process for the PUC and its staff, as well as stakeholders, regulated utilities, and the public.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:


- (1) Changing the effective date to upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1327, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1327, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

  
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RICHARD H.K. ONISHI  
Co-Chair

  
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JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE  
Chair

  
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LISA KITAGAWA  
Co-Chair



**Record of Votes of a  
Conference Committee**

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: <b>SB 1327, SD 1, HD 1</b>	Date/Time: <b>4/28/23 2:10 pm</b>
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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure	<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.
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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett, Chr.	/	/			ONISHI, Richard H.K., Co-Chr.	/			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	/				KITAGAWA, Lisa, Co-Chr.	/			
AWA, Brenton				/	HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia	/			
					SAYAMA, Jackson D.	/			
					PIERICK, Elijah	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

A = Aye      WR = Aye with Reservations      N = Nay      E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 
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