

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1848  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and  
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1848 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Department of  
Commerce and Consumer Affairs to provide additional funding to  
support public, educational, and governmental cable television  
access.

Specifically, this measure authorizes the Director of  
Commerce and Consumer Affairs to use funds in the Compliance  
Resolution Fund for the purpose of supporting public, educational,  
and governmental access facilities, equipment, and operations  
pursuant to the standards and conditions adopted in accordance  
with section 440G-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that there is strong public interest in  
public, educational, and governmental access television. By  
making public, educational, and governmental access television  
available, the State assists in providing a forum for free  
expression for the people of Hawaii.



Your Committee has amended this measure, upon the recommendation of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to:

- (1) Earmark the additional funds for public, educational, and governmental access facilities, equipment, and operations in underserved areas; and
- (2) Clarify that the use of funds from the Compliance Resolution Fund for public, educational, and governmental access facilities, equipment, and operations shall only be allowed if there are available funds over and above the funds needed for the operation of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' cable television administration.

The intent of this measure, as amended, is to provide additional funding for public, educational, and governmental access facilities, equipment, and operations in areas such as the neighbor islands, which are underserved by the current public, educational, and governmental access system.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1848, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1848, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



