

Honolulu, Hawaii

February, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2473
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,
to which was referred H.B. No. 2473 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to accelerate the deployment of new advanced communications technologies in Hawaii by appropriating funds for fiscal year 2008-2009 to allow the Broadband Task Force (Task Force) to continue its work.

A member of the Task Force supported this bill. The Cable Television Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the High Technology Development Corporation supported the intent of the measure.

Advanced broadband services are an essential infrastructure for an innovative, knowledge-based society and economy. To accelerate development and adoption of the infrastructure for these services in Hawaii, the Legislature established the Task Force in 2007. The funds provided by this bill will allow the Task Force to continue its efforts and develop a set of recommendations to be considered by the Legislature during the 2009 Regular Session.

Your Committee has made technical, nonsubstantive amendments to this bill for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2473, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2473, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

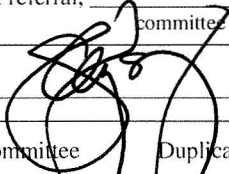
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business
Concerns,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2473	Committee Referral: EDB, FIN	Date: 1/31/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	✓			
2. WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.				✓
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
12. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
TOTAL (12)	10	0	0	2
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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