

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 8, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 897
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Legislative Management, to which was referred H.B. No. 897 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS ON THE INTERNET,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance public access to the legislative process by appropriating an unspecified sum to provide archived and indexed video and audio streams of legislative proceedings on the Internet.

Olelo Community Television, Life of the Land, and The League of Women Voters testified in support of this bill.

A process known as "streaming media" or "webcasting" allows audio or video signals of an event to be transmitted through computer servers and broadcast on the Internet. Users can see or listen to the event wherever computers are available, including in public libraries, schools, and other public places. This service would provide greater public access to the legislative process at a low cost to the State.

Archiving and indexing video and audio streams would further increase public access. Archiving allows users to view or listen to legislative proceedings at their own convenience. By segmenting the programs, indexing would allow users to advance to

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different portions of the program similar to advancing to the next song on a CD.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Inserting the sum of \$25,000 to each legislative body for each fiscal year; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 897, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 897, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Legislative
Management,


MICHAEL Y. MAGAOAY, Chair



