

Honolulu, Hawaii

F. 412 , 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2698
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs and Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2698 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to position Hawaii for global competitiveness in the 21st century by establishing the Hawaii Broadband Commission (Commission) and the Hawaii Broadband Commissioner (Commissioner) to increase access to broadband communications for all households, businesses, and organizations throughout the state.

The High Technology Development Corporation supported this bill. Oceanic Time Warner Cable and Hawaiian Telcom supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance; Honolulu Police Department; AT&T; T-Mobile USA, Inc.; and Verizon Wireless opposed this bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Information Technology for the City & County of Honolulu, and tw telecom submitted comments.

Your Committees find that Hawaii must develop its broadband infrastructure and increase broadband access if we are to make advances in education, the economy, civic participation, healthcare, and many other areas essential to the community's well-being.

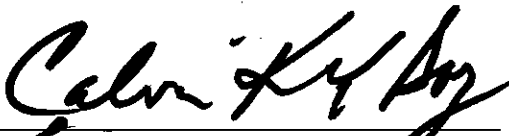


Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the Wireless Enhanced 911 Fund as a funding source, and inserting an appropriation from the general fund;
- (2) Specifying that the lists of nominees for the Commission and the Commissioner are to be assembled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (3) Removing language allowing the Commissioner to vote on the removal of a Commission member in the event of a tie;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2698, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2698, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Revitalization, Business, &
Military Affairs and Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 2698</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EBM/CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>Feb. 3, 2010</i>		
<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)				
EBM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. CHOY, Isaac W. (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B.				✓
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. MANAHAN, Joey				✓
6. TAKAI, K. Mark				✓
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
8. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
9. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
10. WOOLEY, Jessica				✓
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (11)	<i>7</i>			<i>4</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">_____</div>				
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