

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2015  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 2015, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote competition in the  
telecommunications marketplace by requiring the Public Utilities  
Commission (PUC) to treat retail intrastate telecommunications  
services as "fully competitive," to deregulate these phone  
services and bolster competition with other forms of  
telecommunications.

PUC, Hawaiian Telcom, and tw telecom - Hawaii testified in  
support of this bill.

Act 180, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, updated Hawaii's  
regulatory framework for telecommunications to create market  
parity among all phone service providers. This bill expands that  
effort by deregulating other retail telecommunication services to  
facilitate competition with service providers that are either  
unregulated or not subject to the same level of regulatory  
oversight.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2015, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



