

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

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

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the Public  
Utilities Commission shall treat retail intrastate  
telecommunications services as fully competitive.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from Hawaiian Telecom. Testimony in opposition to this measure  
was received from Kona Kai ATM LLC and tw telecom-Hawaii.  
Testimony with comments on this measure was received from the  
Public Utilities Commission. Written testimony presented to the  
Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure expands the  
opportunities for increased competition in the intrastate retail  
telecommunications market that were enabled by Act 180, Session  
Laws of Hawaii 2009. This measure will allow the Public Utilities  
Commission to consider additional telecommunications services such  
as private lines that transmit data between customer locations as  
fully competitive. Your Committee further finds that this measure  
applies only to retail rates, and does not affect wholesale  
telecommunications rates. Finally, your Committee finds that this  
measure leaves in place important consumer safeguards such as the



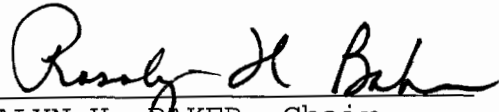
provision of lifeline telephone services, carrier of last resort obligations, and service quality standards.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that this measure applies to retail intrastate telecommunications services; and
- (2) Removing the reference to section 269-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, so as to not unintentionally limit the application of this measure.

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

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



