

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2543
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 2543, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide Hawaii with competitively-priced access to broadband communications by:

- (1) Giving the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs various duties relating to broadband deployment in Hawaii; and
- (2) Promoting telework alternatives for public and private employees.

AT&T and tw telecom supported this bill. Oceanic Time Warner Cable supported this bill with amendments. The High Technology Development Corporation supported the bill in part and commented. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted comments.

Access to affordable high-speed broadband services is essential if Hawaii is to meet the challenges of the 21st century and become globally competitive. To restore the House approach to the development and deployment of broadband in Hawaii, your



Committees have amended this bill by replacing its contents with that of H.B. No. 2698, H.D. 2, a bill that passed out of both of your Committees earlier this session.

As amended, this bill establishes the Hawaii Broadband Commission (Commission) and the Hawaii Broadband Commissioner to increase access to broadband communications for all households, businesses, and organizations throughout the state.

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 S.B. No. 2543, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2543, S.D. 2, 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.: SB 2543 SD2	Committee Referral: CPC/EBM	Date: 3/15/10		
<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	✓			<i>JW</i>
11. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (11)	7			4
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; margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;"><i>Jan W. Chay</i></div>				
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