

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 880
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 880 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enable public utilities to file rates, fares, charges, classifications, schedules, rules, and practices with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) by electronic transmission.

The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs testified in support of this bill. Hawaiian Telcom testified in support of this measure, with suggested amendments. The Commission opposed the measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Defining "electronic transmission" as any electronic data transfer implemented by the Commission that allows the Commission to accept electronic document files;
- (2) Including an unspecified appropriation amount from the Commission's Special Fund for computer modernization upgrades to allow the commission to accept electronic filings;

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- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2011; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

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 H.B. No. 880, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 880, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



