

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1740
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1740 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION ACCESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to maintain a telephone-based audible information access service.

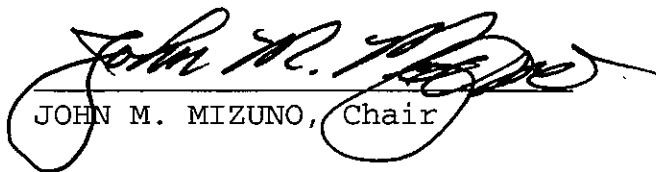
Hawaii Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind, National Federation of the Blind, and several individuals testified in support of this measure.

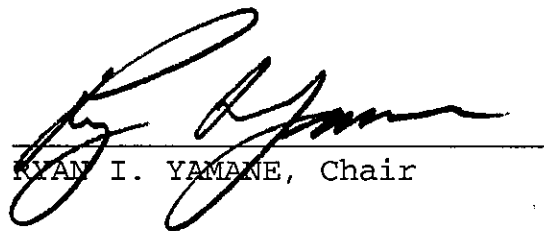
Your Committees have amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to facilitate continued discussion on this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1740, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1740, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair


RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



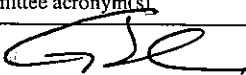
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1740	Committee Referral: HLT/HUS, FIN	Date: 1/31/12		
<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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
5. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
6. LEE, Chris	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
9. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
10. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
TOTAL (10)	7			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>KDK</i>				
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1740	Committee Referral: HLT/HUS, FIN	Date: JAN 31, 2012		
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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)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	✓			
2. JORDAN, Jo (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
5. LEE, Chris	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
9. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INFORMATION ACCESS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that thousands of Hawaii
2 residents experience disabilities such as visual impairments,
3 dyslexia, and physical impairments that prevent them from
4 directly accessing conventional print media. Many printed
5 materials are available through governmental and nonprofit
6 agencies in accessible formats such as braille, large print, or
7 audio recording. However, the legislature finds that it is
8 generally not practical to provide time-sensitive information
9 such as a local daily newspaper in these specialized formats.
10 The legislature also finds that even in a media environment
11 where information is frequently available in multiple formats
12 that are portable and widely accessible, telephone-based audible
13 information access remains an important service for many
14 individuals.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to maintain
16 a telephone-based audible information access service.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$80,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to
2 maintain a telephone-based audible information access service.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the vocational
4 rehabilitation and services for the blind division of the
5 department of human services for the purposes of this Act;
6 provided that the appropriations authorized under this Act shall
7 be expended on a contract for services with the Hawaii affiliate
8 of a national organization that:

9 (1) Has affiliates in all fifty states; and

10 (2) Provides electronic services that enables blind,
11 visually-impaired, or print-disabled persons to access
12 newspapers, magazines, and television listings twenty-
13 four hours a day, seven days a week, by means of a
14 touch-tone telephone, the Internet, or by downloading
15 the electronic information to a digital talking book
16 player or MP3 playing device.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Telephone-based Audible Information Access Service;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the vocational rehabilitation and services for the blind division of the department of human services to contract for a telephone-based audible information access service to provide access to timely print media. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB1740 HD1)

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