STAND. COM. REP. NO. **59** -12

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 2 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1868 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 Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1868 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to grant telecommunications carriers greater flexibility by specifying that basic exchange services are the only type of retail intrastate services for which a telecommunications carrier would need to obtain the approval of the Public Utilities Commission before the carrier can charge a rate higher than the one filed in the carrier's tariff for that service.

Hawaiian Telcom supported this measure. The Division of Consumer Advocacy opposed this measure. The Public Utilities Commission submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding definitions for "basic exchange service", "dial tone", "single-line", and "touch-tone dialing". Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for purposes of consistency and clarity.

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. 1868, as amended herein, and recommends that

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it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1868, H.D. 1, 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

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-sixth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1868	Committee Referral:	Date:	1/25	12
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)				_
2. YAMANE, Ryan I. (VC)				
3. BROWER, Tom				
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
5. CARROLL, Mele				
6. COFFMAN, Denny	/			
7. ITO, Ken			-	
8. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.			_	
9. LUKE, Sylvia		1		
10. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
11. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
12. TSUJI, Clift				
13. CHING, Corinne W.L.				
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
15. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, committee peronym(s) Adopted did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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