

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2617

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2108
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2108, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to limit the retail services for which the Public Utilities Commission's approval must be obtained by a telecommunications carrier that desires to charge a higher rate than the approved tariff to basic exchange services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaiian Telecom and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Division of Consumer Advocacy.

Your Committee finds that dramatic technological changes within the telecommunications industry have resulted in increased telecommunications options for consumers. Your Committee further finds that this measure will continue the State's efforts to level the regulatory playing field in the retail services telecommunications market, ensure that Hawaii consumers needing basic retail phone service have their rates protected, and ensure overall that consumers are served by a telecommunications marketplace in which all carriers can compete fairly and equitably.

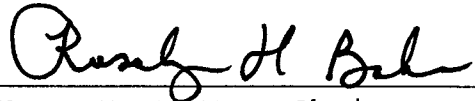
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to

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this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2108, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2108 SDI	EDT, CPN	2/29/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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