

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 1235  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 1235, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the revitalization of the Hawaiian language by:

- (1) Requiring the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to work with various interested stakeholders to assess the best method of ensuring dedicated funding for the development of a Hawaiian television channel; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for the production and distribution of Hawaiian language content on cable television by 'Ōiwi TV.

'Aha Pūnana Leo, 'Ōiwi TV, BBC ALBA, Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, Māori Television, Kamehameha Schools, and an individual provided testimony in support of this measure. Akaku: Maui Community Television and a few individuals provided testimony in opposition to this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs provided comments on this measure.



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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, for the purpose of facilitating further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1235, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1235, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,

  
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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

