

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3328

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1641
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1641, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS TO STORED
COMMUNICATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the
privacy rights of individuals and simplify the standards by which
law enforcement is able to access certain information by:

- (1) Requiring a search warrant in order to compel disclosure
to a government entity of the contents of electronic
communications, regardless of whether the communications
were held in storage or not, how long the communications
have existed, or if the communications are classified as
retrieved or unretrieved; and
- (2) Requiring a court order in order to compel disclosure to
a governmental entity of non real-time, or historical,
transactional records and requiring the court order to
issue only if the governmental entity demonstrates
probable cause that the records sought constitute a
crime or are relevant to a legitimate law enforcement
inquiry.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and
County of Honolulu.

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Your Committee finds that users of electronic communication services and remote storage providers have various privacy rights. Existing state law requires law enforcement to obtain a court order before having access to retrieved electronic mail and electronic mail that has been held in storage for more than one hundred eighty days. Furthermore, probable cause must be shown for the issuance of a court order to access transactional records. This measure provides even greater privacy protection for individuals by requiring a search warrant for disclosure of electronic communications and streamlines the criteria that law enforcement must satisfy to access certain information, without unduly interfering with law enforcement's need to investigate criminal activity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1641, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1641 SD 1	Committee Referral: TEC, JDL	Date: 3/28/14		
<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
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
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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*Only one measure per Record of Votes