

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 21, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2048
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2048, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend certain provisions contained in Act 19, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs conduct annual management and financial audits of designated public, educational, and governmental access organizations, as codified in section 440G-8.3(h), Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Removing the sunset provision in Act 19 to permanently allow the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to designate an access organization to oversee public, educational, and governmental channels.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Akaku: Maui Community Television, Olelo Community Media, and several individuals testified in support of this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying each public, educational, and governmental access channel by its franchise area; 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2048, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2048, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



