

Honolulu, Hawaii  
April 4, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2048  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2048, S.D. 1, H.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:

- (1) Authorize the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Director) to designate an access organization in each franchise area;
- (2) Delete the requirement that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs conduct annual management and financial audits of the designated access organizations; and
- (3) Remove the sunset date from Act 19, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, thereby permanently allowing the Director to designate an access organization to oversee public, educational, and governmental channels, and requiring the Cable Advisory Committee to advise the Director and access organizations on certain matters.

Olelo Community Media, Akaku: Maui Community Television, Valley Isle Sunset Rotary, Na Leo 'O Hawaii, Ho'ike Kauai Community Television, Maui County Councilmember, and numerous




concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. A concerned individual testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Defining "franchise area" or "service area" as the geographic area for which a cable operator has been issued a cable franchise;
- (2) Clarifying that the Director may designate one or more access organizations in each franchise area;
- (3) Making it effective on June 29, 2100; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2048, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2048, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



