

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2518

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2793
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2793, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BROADBAND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extend, until June 30, 2023, the provisions of Act 264, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013 (Act 264), which requires the State and the counties to take action within sixty days for broadband-related permit applications, requires the State to take action within one hundred forty-five days for use applications for broadband facilities within the conservation district, establishes other requirements regarding broadband-related permits, and subjects weight load for utility poles to capacities established by the Federal Communications Commission and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Cable Television Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; Oceanic Time Warner Cable; and Hawaiian Telcom.

Your Committee finds that streamlining broadband permits can facilitate statewide access to affordable, high-speed broadband services. Improvements in the permitting process will allow for more private sector participants, which can lead to increased competition in the State's broadband sector. Your Committee further finds that increasing Hawaii's broadband capacity will



have numerous benefits across the State, such as: enabling rapid access to information; accelerating business development; creating telehealth opportunities for the health care industry; enhancing education resources; and improving communications networks. Accordingly, this measure extends the provisions of Act 264, which will enable greater efficiency in the broadband-related permitting process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2793, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

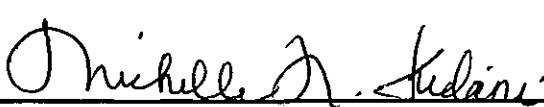


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2793, SD1	EET, CPH	2-26-14		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
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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