

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2727
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2727 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect consumers from predatory video game mechanisms by establishing certain disclosure requirements for publishers of video games that contain a system to purchase a randomized reward or virtual item.

The Hawaii Youth Services Network and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Retail Merchants of Hawaii, Entertainment Software Association, and an individual testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating an unspecified amount of funds for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to audit the codes of video games sold in Hawaii;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for 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 H.B. No. 2727, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2727, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2727	Committee Referral: CPC, FIN	Date: 2/14/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
4. ITO, Ken			✓	
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	✓			
6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.			✓	
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane			✓	
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.				✓
11. McDERMOTT, Bob	✓			
TOTAL (11)	6	0	3	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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