

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1151

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2017

RE: H.B. No. 597
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and
Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 597, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the establishment within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism of one full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent broadband coordinator position, require the coordinator to create a state broadband plan, and appropriate funds for these purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Mobilitie; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State lacks a plan to capitalize on fast-evolving broadband technology that will improve the State's outcomes in information access, economic development, education, and communications. Your Committee further finds that the establishment of a full-time equivalent permanent broadband coordinator position and creation of a state broadband plan are crucial to developing the broadband technology opportunities in the State.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 597, H.D. 1 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development, Tourism, and
Technology,

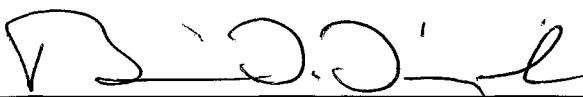


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 597 HD1	ETT, WAM	3/22/17		
<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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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