

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2419

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2611

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and  
Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 2611 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide the  
Public Utilities Commission with explicit authority to regulate  
internet service providers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Education. Your Committee received  
comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and  
Consumer Affairs Division of Consumer Advocacy and Public  
Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that on December 14, 2017, the Federal  
Communications Commission repealed title II utility regulation of  
broadband internet service, also known as "net neutrality". The  
repeal of "net neutrality" made citizens question the freedom and  
equality of online content, as internet service providers are now  
no longer required to treat all content equally. Your Committee  
believes that providing the Public Utilities Commission with the  
explicit authority to regulate internet service providers will  
encourage the equal treatment of content, without preference given  
to some content over others, preserving the independence of online  
content from interference or influence of internet service  
providers or others.



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 S.B. No. 2611 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

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

  
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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology**  
**ETT**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2611</i>	Committee Referral: <i>ETT, CPH</i>	Date: <i>2/12/18</i>		
<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.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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