

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3272

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2018

RE: S.R. No. 112

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.R. No. 112 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE NEEDS AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR ALL STATE RESIDENTS TO TESTIFY IN-PERSON ON LEGISLATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Request the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the needs and costs associated with the implementation of audio and video technology to provide all state residents with the opportunity to provide oral testimony at all legislative hearings; and
- (2) Request the Legislative Reference Bureau to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2018.


Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Ulupono Initiative, Common Cause Hawaii, and O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.



Your Committee finds that legislative rules and practices encourage robust debate provided through testimony from members of the public, but such public participation may disproportionately impact citizens on the neighbor islands due to distance and travel costs. By conducting a study on the needs and costs associated with the implementation of audio and video technology for oral testimony at all legislative hearings, this measure will provide a mechanism for full public participation in the democratic process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 112 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR 112</i>	Committee Referral: <i>GVO, NAM</i>	Date: <i>3-27-18</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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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