

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

901

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2019

RE: H.B. No. 272
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 272, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt public utilities providing basic exchange service to every county in the State, or any affiliate or parent of such public utilities, from the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission and Consumer Advocate, including provisions relating to financial reporting, rate regulation, issuance of securitized assets, disposal of property, and relations with affiliates.

Hawaiian Telcom provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Charter Communications, We Are One, Inc., and Aloha State Association of the Deaf provided testimony in opposition. The Public Utilities Commission provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 272, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



