

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1690

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 137

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 137 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION MANDATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF  
BACKUP POWER GENERATORS FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS  
AND COLLECT AND PUBLISH DATA ON CELLULAR TOWER BACKUP  
CAPACITY, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Public Utilities Commission to monitor compliance with the Federal  
Communications Commission mandates for the deployment of backup  
power generators for wireless communications providers and collect  
and publish data on cellular tower backup capacity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the O'ahu County Democrats Committee on Legislative Priorities  
and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this  
measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's rural communities are  
increasingly reliant on wireless voice communications via  
cellphone carriers. As a result, it is necessary for wireless  
communications carriers to provide resilient backup for their  
transmission equipment so that reliable communication is available  
when there are utility power outages. Your Committee further



finds that increased data transparency would be helpful for the public to make informed decisions when choosing a wireless communications provider. Collecting and publishing data and statistics on backup power capacity for wireless cellular towers may also provide greater assurances to the public regarding the reliability of a particular wireless communications provider's network. This measure requests the Public Utilities Commission to monitor compliance for backup power generators for wireless communications providers and collect and publish data on cellular tower backup capacity which will ensure certain federal mandates are met and promote transparency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 137 and recommends its adoption.

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

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**CPH**

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SCR 137	CPH	3/28/19		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)				/
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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