

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2393

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2209
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 2209 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to upgrade the sound systems in the State Capitol auditorium and conference rooms to allow for optimal civic participation. The updated sound system would provide upgraded audio in-person on Capitol TV and via 'Olelo Community Television.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services and Community Alliance on Prisons.

Your Committee finds that the current sound system is outdated and does not allow for optimal civic participation from people trying to hear testimony in the room, on Capitol TV, or on 'Olelo Community Television. An upgraded sound system would promote increased civic engagement.

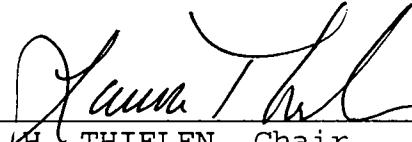
Your Committee has amended this measure by amending the findings section to add the intent that the upgraded sound system be compatible with technology that would permit Web-based or video technology. Your Committee notes the desire of neighbor island



residents to be able to testify, and the obvious cost efficiency of ensuring current upgrades will support any necessary and/or future technology as we increase the ability of all residents of our island state to participate in the legislative 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2209, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2209, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair



