

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2432
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 Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 2432 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Remove the requirement that the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs take into account the geography and topography of a proposed service area, and the present, planned, and potential expansion in facilities or cable services of an applicant's proposed cable system and existing cable systems; and
- (2) Require that the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs require cable operators to provide cable service to residences in their service area where there is a minimum density of at least twenty-five homes per linear mile, with certain exceptions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Charter Communications. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that access to television service is critical in today's current events-driven world, and a lack of



access to cable television service places a unique burden and hardship upon the residents of the State. Requiring cable operators to offer cable service in areas that have twenty-five homes in a linear mile provides residents in these areas with the access necessary to sustain the needs and uses of those residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the service deployment requirement threshold shall not apply where service is already available from at least three other cable franchisees or multichannel programming distributors; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2432, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2432, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

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



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2432	Committee Referral: TEC, CPH	Date: 2/4/2020		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				X
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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