

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 181

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 181 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "property" as it relates to offenses against property rights under the Penal Code to expressly include intellectual property or property stored in an electronic medium.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised in testimony before your Committee that the Honolulu Police Department does not have the personnel, investigative expertise, or ability to determine the monetary value associated with intellectual property crimes.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing provisions regarding intellectual property;



- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 181, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 181, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



