

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

474

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 956  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness and  
Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 956  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC  
SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Statewide  
Interoperable Communications Executive Committee and its  
Coordinator for public safety communications purposes.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Defense, Office of Enterprise Technology  
Services, and one individual.

Your Committees find that a formal public safety  
communications governance body will provide a clear direction for  
future communications efforts, a framework for impacted parties to  
collaborate, and the opportunity for effective and efficient use  
of financial and technology resources. This measure will create a  
safer environment for residents and visitors of the State during  
an emergency by establishing the Interoperable Communications  
Executive Committee to create uniform policies and procedures for  
first responders and emergency response agencies.

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Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that requires a report from the Statewide Interoperable Communications Executive Committee to the Legislature prior to the convening of each regular session;
- (2) Specifying that the Statewide Interoperable Communications Technical Subcommittee shall:
  - (A) Not have a fixed membership;
  - (B) Not be subject to any quorum requirement; and
  - (C) Be exempt from certain provisions of the Sunshine Law;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 956, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 956, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Pandemic &  
Disaster Preparedness and  
Higher Education & Technology,

  
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GREGG TARAYAMA, Chair

  
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LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair





**Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 956	<b>Committee Referral:</b> PDP/HET, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2-16-21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HET Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	✓			
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
5. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
6. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
7. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
10. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
12. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	9	0	0	3
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>Leg. Albert</i>				
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