

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1287

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2021

RE: S.R. No. 179

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Government Operations,
to which was referred S.R. No. 179 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO
FORM A WORKING GROUP AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR OUTREACH TO
KUPUNA TO REMEDIATE A LACK OF DIGITAL LITERACY, BROADBAND
ACCESS, AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
Executive Office on Aging to convene a working group to develop an
outreach plan to kupuna to address their lack of digital literacy,
broadband access, and computer equipment.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from AlohaCare, LearningBond, and one individual. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Executive Office on
Aging.

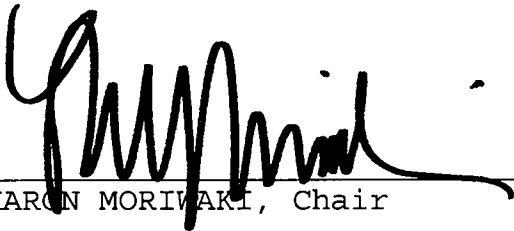
Your Committees find that access to broadband connectivity is
a foundation for improved economic growth, job creation, global
competitiveness, and a better way of life. Your Committees also
find that the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and its
broad, adverse economic impact underscored that improved access to
broadband services across all communities in Hawaii would enhance
economic development, education, health care, public safety, and
emergency services in those communities. Further, your Committees
find that vulnerable members of our community, such as kupuna,



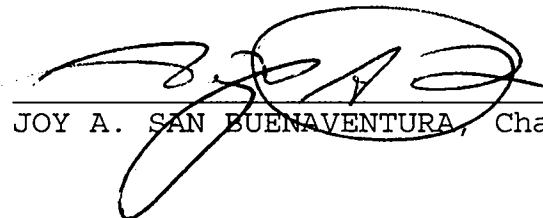
homeless, and recently released prisoners, often lack the digital skills necessary to effectivity utilize newer, current technologies to access career and social support opportunities, which may be accessible online and are especially critical during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your Committees find that kupuna are especially eager for opportunities to learn about technologies that would facilitate their aging independently, but the rapid and constant advancement of technology often makes older adults unsure of their ability to use it, which can leave them uncomfortable and lacking in the self-confidence to utilize technology in their everyday life. Accordingly, your Committee believes the Executive Office on Aging, by convening a working group, could assist in formulating a plan to outreach to kupuna on this important issue.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 179 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Government Operations,



SHARON MORIWAKI, Chair

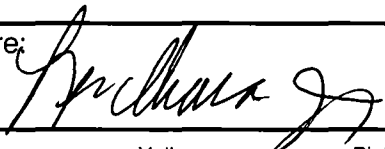


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



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Record of Votes
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| SR 179 | HMS / GVO | 3/23/2021 | | |
| <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 |
| SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| IHARA, Jr., Les (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| ACASIO, Laura | ✓ | | | |
| MISALUCHA, Bennette E. | ✓ | | | |
| FEVELLA, Kurt | | | | ✓ |
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