

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

102

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 516
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 Government Reform, to which was referred
H.B. No. 516 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ELECTRONICS
MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote electronics
stewardship and reduce electronic waste in the State by requiring
all persons who receive state financial assistance to donate
unnecessary but functioning electronic devices to nonprofit
organizations that will refurbish and distribute these devices to
eligible persons in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Hawaiian Hope Org and five individuals. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from one
individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of
Education, and Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that use of electronic devices has grown
substantially over the past two decades, which has also led to a
considerable amount of waste in consumer electronics goods. While
recycling of electronic devices prevents valuable materials from
being wasted, prevention of waste in the first place is preferable

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to any waste management option. Your Committee further finds that access to devices and technology resources for low-income families and other populations in need of access is a long-standing issue, which has become more evident with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. This measure will promote electronic stewardship and reduce electronic waste in the State by keeping unnecessary but functioning electronic devices from being wasted and instead refurbishing those electronic devices for donation to those in need of the devices.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a covered refurbisher is an organization that is registered with the Business Registration Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (2) Requiring a covered entity to remove data and any content that may be deemed inappropriate for persons under the age of eighteen from an excess electronic device prior to its transfer;
- (3) Clarifying that a covered refurbisher shall transfer title to and possession of a refurbished device to an eligible recipient at a price not to exceed \$50 per refurbished device; provided that enterprise level hardware that is refurbished may be priced at more than \$50;
- (4) Requiring the Department of Accounting and General Services to notify all covered entities of their new responsibilities under this measure;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) 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 Government Reform that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 516, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 516, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Government Reform

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 516	Committee Referral: GVR, HET, FIN	Date: 2.5.21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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)				
GVR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. WILDBERGER, Tina (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.	✓			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
6. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
9. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (9)	8	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>T. Wainaina</i></u>				
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