

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2012**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1016
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1016, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to establish policies, in collaboration with departments and agencies, to provide infrastructure and resources to permit authorized employees to securely access remote computing services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Office of Enterprise Technology Services, and Department of Accounting and General Services. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Transform Hawai'i Government.

Your Committee finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has required many state employees to work from home or other remote locations to maintain social distancing and minimize the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. However, the relocation of state employees to non-traditional work environments has left an indelible impression on the possibilities of how state work can be accomplished. Your Committee further finds that working from home or other off-worksites locations has demonstrated cost-



effectiveness and productivity in rendering public services. Employees working off-site enables the State to make better use of its limited resources, including but not limited to office space, furnishing, equipment, electrical and data requirements, storage space, and other traditional needs of employees who work at state facilities. This measure will require the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to define parameters that will strengthen the ability of state employees to continue to work remotely.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1016, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



