

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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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 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 1016 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 Department of Accounting and General Services to establish and enforce a virtual private network policy to provide state employees teleworking from home or other off-worksites locations access to otherwise closed state network resources through the internet in a secure and uniform manner.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Enterprise and Technology Services. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that remote teleworking can and should continue to remain an important option for state employees who can accomplish their duties outside of their traditional work environment. According to testimony received by your Committee, state agencies and departments need the flexibility to choose the technology that best fits its organization. Your Committee further finds that the Office of Enterprise Technology has the



expertise to define the parameters that will strengthen the ability of state employees to work remotely.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Directing the Office of Enterprise Technology within the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish policies, in collaboration with departments and agencies, to provide infrastructure and resources for state employees to telework securely;
- (2) Broadening the scope of this measure to allow the policies to include other efficient and effective remote computing technologies in addition to virtual private networks; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1016, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1016, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



SHARON MORIWAKI, Chair



