STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1404-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2022

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RE: S.B. No. 2479

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2479 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require each public housing project, dwelling unit, or state low-income housing project that is built, renovated, or reconstructed after January 1, 2023, to include all broadband infrastructure that is necessary for tenants to have access to broadband service.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Common Cause Hawaii; AARP Hawaii; and Hawaiian Telcom.

Your Committee finds that the COVID-19 pandemic has magnified the need for broadband access for all residents in the State. Broadband access has become a necessity for efficient access to basic amenities including health care, education, public safety, commerce, and government services. Access to broadband is also necessary for work and in daily interactions with others. Your Committee further finds that the need for broadband access is especially evident for residents in public housing units where

there are limited broadband options. This measure therefore enables multiple broadband providers to offer low-cost options to these residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2479, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2479, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair

State of Hawaii



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2479,	Committee Referral:	FIN	3/21/22	,
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	V			
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2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)				
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.		7 18 41 4		
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4. HAR, Sharon E.	<u> </u>			FIA L
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	V			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	V			
7. MIZUNO, John M.				
8. MORIKAWA, Dee	V			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	V			
10. TARNAS, David A.				
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				
TOTAL (11)	11	0	Ò	0
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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