

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1022

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 947
S.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, to which was referred
S.B. No. 947, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY
OFFICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaii
Broadband and Digital Equity Office within the Department of
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism; Department of Human Services; Department
of Transportation; Department of Research and Development for the
County of Hawaii; AARP Hawai'i; Hawaii Broadband Hui; and Hawai'i
Primary Care Association. Your Committee received comments on
this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that it is critical to improve access to
broadband services for residents throughout the State. This
measure will establish a Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity
Office to develop and support increased access to these vital
technologies to further enhance economic development, education,
health care, and emergency services.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 947, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development,


SEAN QUINLAN, Chair

