

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3701

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 5 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 12
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 Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 12 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND
DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE TO PRIORITIZE ACCESS TO BROADBAND
SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS THROUGHOUT THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Hawaii
Broadband and Digital Equity Office to prioritize access to
broadband services in rural areas throughout the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; Disability and Communication Access Board; Common Cause
Hawaii; Charter Communications; Broadband Hui; and one individual.

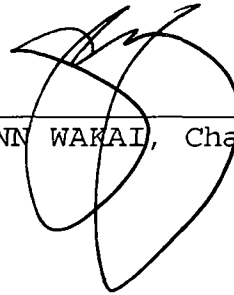
Your Committee finds that although broadband coverage in the
State is widespread, it is critical to bridge the digital divide
in the State through improving access to broadband services for
Hawaii's residents, consumers, and businesses, especially those in
rural communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 12, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 12, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



