

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 , 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 26
H.D. 1

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.C.R. No. 26 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS THE RISE IN ILLEGAL TEXT MESSAGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to enact legislation to address the rise in illegal text messages.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that there are concerns that text messages could be the new method for criminals to scam consumers. In August 2021, there were approximately 7,650,000 spam text messages delivered to consumers. Automated text messages are now more prevalent, and potentially more dangerous, than robocalls since malicious links can be clicked directly in a text message. This measure therefore urges that federal action be taken to address the growing problem of scam text messages.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Including the Federal Trade Commission as an agency the United States Congress is urged to consult in crafting legislation;
- (2) Clarifying that the recipients of certified copies of this measure from the Federal Trade Commission and Federal Communications Commission are the chairpersons of each respective commission; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 26, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 26, H.D. 1.

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


AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 26	Committee Referral: CPC	Date: 4/14/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				✓
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.				✓
8. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TARNAS, David A.				✓
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	7	0	0	4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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