

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3732

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 6 2022

RE: S.R. No. 36
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 Government Operations, to which was referred S.R. No. 36 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE TO CONDUCT A DATA MAPPING STUDY TO IDENTIFY GEOGRAPHICALLY UNDERSERVED AND UNSERVED AREAS IN THE STATE THAT LACK QUALITY BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office to conduct a data mapping study to identify geographically underserved and unserved areas in the State that lack quality broadband connectivity, and report the results of the study to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and State Executive Office on Aging. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Charter Communications and Hawaiian Telcom.

Your Committee finds that residents across the State, particularly in rural areas, have historically experienced disruption in broadband internet service, dropped calls, and dead areas. Your Committee further finds that the State has the responsibility to provide equitable access to broadband internet and service for residents as opportunities continue to arise in



the areas of teleworking, distance learning, and telehealth. Accordingly, this measure promotes broadband equity by requesting the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office to gather the data necessary to identify areas that lack quality access to broadband internet service.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Defining the terms "underserved" and "unserved" by reference to certain federal law;
- (2) Clarifying the nature and scope of the action requested of the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office;
- (3) Deleting the request to expend funds from the budget of the Hawaii Tourism Authority;
- (4) Adding the heads of Charter Communications and Hawaiian Telcom as recipients of this measure; and
- (5) 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 36, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 36, S.D. 1.

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



SHARON MORIWAKI, Chair

The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Government Operations
GVO

Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 36	Committee Referral: GVO	Date: 03/24/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
GABBARD, Mike				/
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	3			/
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes