

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1801

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 06 2023

RE: H.B. No. 1408  
H.D. 3  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1408, H.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DIGITAL EQUITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish, and appropriate moneys for, a digital equity grant program in which grants are awarded to eligible applicants for digital equity projects.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; AARP Hawaii; AlohaCare; Hawaii Broadband Hui; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; Vibrant Hawaii; and two individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the University of Hawaii.

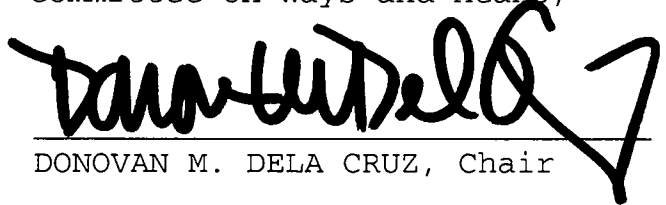
Your Committee finds that awarding grants to qualified digital equity projects will make internet access and new technology available to more people and help to ensure digital equity throughout the State.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1408, H.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1408, H.D. 3, S.D. 1.

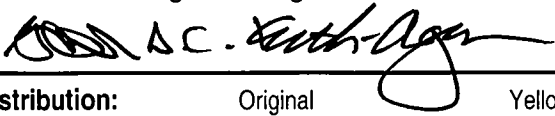
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Second Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*<br><b>HB 1408 AD3</b>  | Committee Referral:<br><b>EET, WAM</b> | Date:<br><b>4/4/23</b> |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____  |  |                        |     |         |
| The Recommendation is:<br><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 |
| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)  | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)  | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| AQUINO, Henry J.C.   | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| DECOITE, Lynn  | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| INOUYE, Lorraine R.  | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| KANUHA, Dru Mamo   | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| KIDANI, Michelle N.  | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| KIM, Donna Mercado   | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| LEE, Chris   | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.  | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.  | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| WAKAI, Glenn   | X                                      |                        |     |         |
| FEVELLA, Kurt  | X                                      |                        |     |         |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>13</b>                              |                        |     |         |
| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |  |                        |     |         |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:<br>  |  |                        |     |         |
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