

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1317
S.D. 3

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 S.B. No. 1317, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BROADBAND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to is to facilitate access to high-speed broadband internet service.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Appropriates an unspecified amount from the state general fund to provide the matching funds required to receive federal funds for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program;
- (2) Appropriates an unspecified amount from the funds received by the State from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) for the BEAD Program;
- (3) Appropriates an unspecified amount from state general funds for additional matching fund requirements for federal fund programs related to broadband;
- (4) Requires the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, rather than the University of Hawaii and Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office, to convene the working group that



was established pursuant to Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, for the purpose of determining the appropriate governance structure to implement, operate, and maintain broadband infrastructure development in the State; and

- (5) Requires the Lieutenant Governor or a designee to serve as the Chair of the foregoing working group.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Budget and Finance; AARP Hawaii; and one individual.

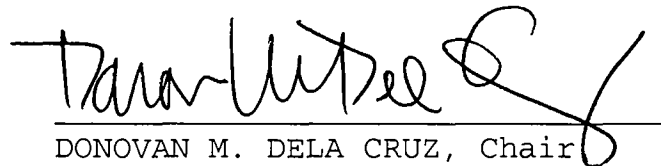
Your Committee recognizes that access to high-speed internet, which the measure promotes, is essential for Hawaii residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Transferring the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on a temporary, four-year basis; and
- (2) Redirecting the measure's appropriations to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

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 S.B. No. 1317, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1317, S.D. 3.

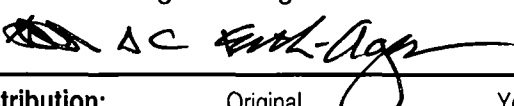
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SBI317 SD2	Committee Referral: LBT, WAM	Date: 3/3/23		
<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
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
TOTAL	12			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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