STAND. COM. REP. NO. 819

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1327 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 Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 1327 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF ELECTRONIC FILING BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to use electronic filing processes, including electronic service of documents, to conform to the provisions of chapters 269 (Public Utilities Commission), 271 (Motor Carriers), and 271G (Water Carriers), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and current practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Young Brothers, LLC; and Hawaiian Telcom, Inc.

Your Committee finds that various provisions in chapters 269 (Public Utilities Commission), 271 (Motor Carriers), and 271G (Water Carriers), Hawaii Revised Statutes, require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to employ hard copy service or filing. Hard copy filings to the PUC are often very lengthy, sometimes exceeding ten thousand pages and filling ten to fifteen boxes. In response to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, temporary

emergency orders were issued to allow for all electronic filings to the PUC. As a result, the PUC's filing process became dramatically streamlined and efficient, enhanced the regulatory process, and created better outcomes for the PUC and its staff, as well as stakeholders, regulated utilities, and the general public. Accordingly, this measure makes those operational improvements permanent.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1327, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1327, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair

## The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:		
SB1327	CPN			02-07-2023		
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (W	(R)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)						
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)		~				
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