

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2359  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Digital Equity Grant Program to award grants to deploy digital equity projects to covered populations in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the types of projects that may be eligible for grants to include broadband service subscription costs, wifi routers, and access points; and

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(2) Changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE


ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

  
LYNN DECOITE  
Chair

  
CHRIS TODD  
Co-Chair

  
HENRY J. C. AQUINO  
Co-Chair

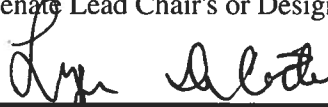
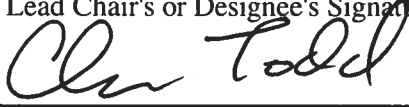
  
MARK M. NAKASHIMA  
Co-Chair

  
KARL RHOADS  
Co-Chair

  
JENNA TAKENOUCHI  
Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a  
Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: <b>HB 2359, HD 2, SD 1</b>					Date/Time: <b>04/25/2024 9:33 AM</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
DECOITE, Lynn, Chr.	✓				TODD, Chris, Co-Chr.	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C., Co-Chr.	✓				NAKASHIMA, Mark M., Co-Chr.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓				TAKENOUCHI, Jenna, Co-Chr.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓				MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
					GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay		E = Excused		
Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 					House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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