

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3885

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2024

RE: H.C.R. No. 29

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Labor and Technology and Government Operations, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 29 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to support continued funding of the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Verizon, Hawaiian Telcom, Charter Communications, Broadband Hui, and one individual.

Your Committees find that under the Affordable Connectivity Program administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), eligible households in the State receive discounts on monthly broadband service and a one-time discount to purchase electronic devices from participating providers, allowing subscribers to afford internet speeds and devices sufficient for key online activities such as at-home learning, health care, banking, and public services. Furthermore, in areas of the State in which broadband is not available, the Affordable Connectivity Program incentivizes the deployment of new broadband infrastructure. Your Committees find, however, that the FCC is in the process of winding down this program that currently benefits



over sixty thousand Hawaii households, due to insufficient congressional funding. Therefore, this measure urges continued funding of the Affordable Connectivity Program to ensure that low-income households in the State may continue to access vital online services and resources.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor and Technology and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 29, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Labor and
Technology and Government
Operations,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

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