

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1349
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: S.R. No. 49
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations and Labor, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.R. No. 49 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 4 THROUGH OCTOBER 8, 2021, AS DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK IN THE STATE OF HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to recognize October 4 through October 8, 2021, as Digital Inclusion Week in the State to raise awareness of the need for digital equity and to promote digital inclusion.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committees find that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has highlighted the need for broadband infrastructure and digital equity for all of Hawaii's residents, especially those in rural and underserved communities. As broadband access is increasingly intertwined with the daily functions of modern life, your Committees believe that a Digital Inclusion Week will help to promote public awareness and attention on the critical issues of digital equity and digital inclusion.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations and Labor, Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 49, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 49, S.D. 1.

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

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

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