
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 440G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§440G- Designation of access organizations for PEG
5 access channels. (a) The director may designate an access
6 organization to oversee the development, operation, supervision,
7 management, production, and broadcasting of programs on public
8 education and government (PEG) channels obtained under section
9 440G-8; provided that the designation shall be exempt from
10 chapter 103D; and provided further that the director shall
11 establish the requirements for the designation of an access
12 organization pursuant rules adopted under chapter 91.

13 (b) The director shall ensure that the terms and
14 conditions required of the operation of an access organization
15 designated under subsection (a) are fair to the public, taking
16 into account the geographic, topographic, and economic



1 characteristics of the service area and the economics of
2 providing cable access in the service area.

3 (c) Any decision designating, modifying, or rescinding a
4 designation of an access organization or the requirements
5 therefor shall first be submitted to the cable access advisory
6 committee for advice under section 440G-13; provided that any
7 comments of the committee shall be incorporated into the final
8 order of the director."

9 SECTION 2. Section 440G-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 **"§440G-13 Cable advisory committee.** (a) There is
12 established the cable advisory committee. The committee shall
13 consist of five members appointed by the governor as provided in
14 section 26-34.

15 The committee shall advise [~~the~~]:

16 (1) The director [~~and~~], cable operators, and access
17 organizations on matters within the jurisdiction of
18 this chapter at the request of the director [~~or~~], any
19 cable operator[~~r~~], or any access organization; and

20 (2) The director on any decision designating, modifying,
21 or rescinding a designation of an access organization



1 or the requirements therefor, as provided in section
2 440G- .

3 (b) The members of the committee shall serve without pay
4 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses
5 while attending meetings and while in discharge of their
6 duties."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Cable Television Systems; Access Organizations; Cable Advisory Committee

Description:

Authorizes the director of commerce and consumer affairs to designate an access organization to oversee the development, operation, supervision, management, production, or broadcasting of programs for cable television channels; requires the director to also establish requirements for the designation of access organizations; and requires the cable advisory committee to advise access organizations on matters under chapter 440G, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Eff. 7/1/2050. (SD1)

