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**House LMG Committee
Wednesday 3/17/10 at 2:30PM in Room 329
HR 205**

TESTIMONY

Nikki Love, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Chair Tokioka, Vice Chair Oshiro, and Committee Members:

I would like to submit **comments regarding HR 205.**

We are avid supporters of the legislative broadcast program. Providing television coverage of legislative proceedings helps to open up the process to the many citizens who cannot come to the State Capitol in person, most notably working people and those on the neighbor islands.

We would strongly urge you to amend this resolution to incorporate two points:

- 1) **The criteria for selecting the proceedings to be broadcast should be related to matters of public interest.** Such a policy would help ensure that hearings on topics of significant public interest would not be excluded from coverage.
- 2) **Video of proceedings should be archived online for the public to access on-demand.** This would allow significantly better public access than television broadcasts alone.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.