



March 15, 2010

LATE TESTIMONY

Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair
House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business & Military Affairs

Honorable Robert Herkes, Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

**Re: SB 2543, SD2, Relating to Technology - Support
EBM/CPC Hearing, Monday, March 15, 2010, 2:00 pm – Room 325**

Aloha Chairs McKelvey, Herkes and Committee Members:

On behalf of tw telecom (“TWTC”), which has operated in Hawaii since 1994, providing voice, Internet, data networking, and managing nearly 25,000 access lines to state and local governments, military, and businesses in the State, we thank you for the opportunity to share our comments on SB 2543, SD2.

TWTC supports the efforts to establish a Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance Advisory Council and work group to streamline permitting functions and to develop broadband policies within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

We do prefer this approach to bring decision makers together with service providers to create policies and to develop best practices that increase growth opportunities for communication service providers throughout Hawaii over last year’s bill that would migrate telecommunications away from the PUC and place regulatory authority in the DCCA. While DCCA has supported moving HB984 ahead with a new conference draft, we believe this bill is premature at this time. Instead we support a more robust examination of the issues affecting broadband before we move to establish a Hawaii Broadband Commission to bring telecommunications, cable and broadband issues under one entity.

As a service provider to business customers in the state, we are ready to take part in this discussion and would welcome participation in whatever council or working group is established by this legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you.

Sincerely,
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