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TESTIMONY
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MAYOR MUFI HANNEMANN
City and County of Honolulu
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
on
Wednesday, March 31, 2010
1:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of
**SCR 202 AND SR 101, GOOGLE INC. TO SELECT HAWAII AS A TEST SITE TO
CONDUCT THE GOOGLE GIGABIT BROADBAND INITIATIVE**

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

I would like to express my unequivocal support for SCR 202 and SR 101, Google Inc. to Select Hawaii as a Test Site to Conduct the Google Gigabit Broadband Initiative. The City and County of Honolulu has positively responded to Google's Request for Information (RFI) for a new high-speed broadband network. Honolulu is uniquely capable of utilizing the advanced features of fiber-to-the-home connectivity for telecommuting and home business applications.

Our "Second City" of Kapolei may be an ideal community for Google's initial pilot project. It is a master planned community of consistently modern construction and infrastructure, with extensive underground conduit access already in place and well as existing international fiber connectivity. Kapolei has both a business and residential district with relatively upscale income demographics and high household educational levels. It is also adjacent to the resort area of Ko'olina, the site of the future Disney resort.

Honolulu is presenting its response to the Google RFI in conjunction with the State of Hawaii and our sister counties. We present a united team ready to assist Google in the deployment of this new fiber network in any location in our state and in any scale that they might wish to undertake.

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Google can count on us to continue to work as a valuable partner all along the way, including the planning, permitting and construction phases of any future project.

Again, we welcome Google's interest in our community, and commit to assisting them in the process of determining the locations for of their best test markets. Call on our staff and Department of Information Technology to assist you in any additional information you might require as you evaluate Kapolei, Honolulu and the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SCR 202 and SR 101.

Respectfully submitted,



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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 202 and SENATE RESOLUTION 101
URGING GOOGLE INC. TO SELECT HAWAII AS A TEST SITE TO CONDUCT
THE GOOGLE GIGABIT BROADBAND INITIATIVE**

TO THE HONORABLE CAROL FUKUNAGA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Ron Boyer, Acting Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments in support of these resolutions.

Google's "Fiber for Communities" experiment proposes to bring 1-gigabit-per-second internet speed to one or more U.S. locations on a trial basis. Senate Concurrent Resolution 202 and Senate Resolution 101 urge Google to select Hawai'i as a test site for conducting its gigabit broadband initiative.

The Department concurs that Hawai'i would make an optimal location for Google to demonstrate the revolutionary benefits of high speed broadband, given the strong

community interest, government support, ideal weather conditions, varied topography, near universal penetration of cable television, and the higher than average subscription rates for broadband usage.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on these resolutions.

Written Statement of
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The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 202 and Senate Resolution 101, which urges Google Inc. to select Hawaii as a test site to conduct the Google Gigabit Broadband Initiative.

Various stakeholders of both the State and the County government departments are coordinating and supporting each other to submit a successful application in response to Google's Request for Information. Further, each county plans to submit an application which support each other with the philosophy that "all of Hawaii" welcomes Google for its Gigabit Broadband Initiative. The initiative has the support of the Administration as well.

The public has shown their support via various grassroots initiatives, including:

- Become a Fan of "Gigabit HI" on Facebook
- <http://www.techhui.com/page/gigabit-hi>
- <http://HI-Google.org>

This resolution can be an effective vehicle in showing the Legislature's support, which can be included in the counties' applications to Google.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I would also like to take this opportunity to urge all the legislators to let their constituents know about this great opportunity for Hawaii to bring fiber-to-the-home, ultra-fast broadband access, which can better connect our neighborhoods, increase the capacity for online education, and invigorate the State's economy in general.