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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011

Date: March 2, 2011
Time: 12:00 p.m.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS ON H.B. No. 112 - RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION
SYSTEMS**

TO THE HONORABLE MARCUS R. OSHIRO, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Everett Kaneshige and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the "**Department**"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments in support of HB No. 112.

The Department recognizes the importance of PEG access to democracy and the exchange of ideas and the opportunity for the public to share their ideas, using a media that would be otherwise cost-prohibitive for most people.

Therefore, the Department supports an exemption from HRS chapter 103 for the designation of access organizations for public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access channels as described in lines 4-10 on page 1 of the bill. The Department's position is consistent with its previous requests to the State Procurement Office in 2005 and 2006 for a similar exemption and also the recommendations of the H.C.R. 358 Task Force Report to the 25th Legislature on December 16, 2008.¹

The remainder of the bill addresses the procedure to be used by the Department in conjunction with designation of the PEG access organizations. The Department

¹ Recommendation #1 of the H.C.R. 358 Task Force Report to the 25th Legislature states, "The Legislature should exempt the designation of PEG access organizations from the provisions of the State Procurement Code."

points out that these procedures are already contained in section 16-131-70 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules and therefore it is not necessary to add similar provisions to HRS chapter 440G.

If, however, this Committee decides to pass out this measure and include provisions on the designation procedure, the Department has concerns with the language in S.B. 583 and suggests technical amendments and clarifications be made so that the bill's provisions conform to existing statutory provisions and include proper technology. The Department would be happy to work with the Chair and his staff to come up with amendments to this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on H.B. No. 112.



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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE

March 02, 2011

12:00 P.M.

HB 112

RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS.

Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee, and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 112.

The State Procurement Office (SPO) opposes the amendment in SECTION 1 which proposes to exempt from HRS chapter 103D the designation of access organization for public, educational, or governmental access channels.

As historical background on this issue, in 2007 Maui Circuit Court ordered the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to adopt a rule specifying method, factors and criteria used to designate and select a PEG access organization. Subsequently DCCA initiated rulemaking process, held public hearings in Sept 2008, and HAR §16-131-70 became effective Dec. 2008. DCCA amended its Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) chapter 131, Subchapter 16 on *Access Organizations* for §16-131-70, *Designation and selection of access organizations* (see Attachment), that states in part, "...director shall comply with the applicable provisions of chapter 103D, HRS, when designating and selecting an access organization to oversee the development, operation, supervision, management, production, or broadcasting of programs on PEG channels obtained under chapter 440G, HRS."

Another solicitation was issued on May 20, 2010 by SPO on behalf of DCCA, Cable Television Division, and is currently proceeding through the request for proposal (RFP) process. RFP-10-007-SW is for the services to *Operate, Maintain, and Manage Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access Channels, Funds, Facilities, and Equipment*, and generally contains the items listed in the proposed bill for the director to consider such as the public need for the proposed services, qualifications and financial responsibility of the applicant, etc. Copies of the solicitation and amendments will be provided upon request.

Public procurement's primary objective is to give everyone equal opportunity to compete for Government contracts; to prevent favoritism, collusion or fraud in awarding of contracts. The true nature of competition gives government agencies the benefits of knowing that the acquiring of goods and services were conducted in a fair and objective manner. Meeting this objective requires a single set of statutes and rules that define and mandate the use of selection processes that are competitive, efficient, fair, transparent, open and impartial.

Statutory exemptions for specific agencies are contrary to the Hawaii Public Procurement Code, section 103D-102, HRS, on the applicability of the chapter that states in part "... shall apply to all procurement contracts made by governmental bodies whether the consideration for the contract is cash, revenues, realizations, receipts, or earnings, ..." Any governmental agency with the authority to expend funds should be in compliance with chapter 103D, which promotes the policy of fair and equitable treatment of all persons who deal with the procurement system; fosters effective broad-based competition and increases public confidence in public procurement.

The SPO opposes statutorily exempting specific agencies from the Code, as it is not in the best interest of government, the business community, and the general public. The Code establishes a time-tested, fair, and reliable process for award of contracts. The competitive procurement processes of the Code are to insure that all potential providers are afforded the opportunity to compete for the required services. To the extent agencies may need specific purchases to be exempted from Code requirements, the Code provides an exemption process on a case by case basis as opposed to a total blanket statutory exemption.

The Code should not be viewed as an obstacle to a purchasing agency's mission, but rather as the single source of public procurement policy to be applied equally and uniformly. It was the legislature's intent for the Code to be a single source of public procurement policy. If individual agencies are exempted and allowed to develop their own individual processes, it becomes problematic and confusing to vendors, contractors and service providers that must comply with a variety of different processes and standards. Fairness, open competition, a level playing field, and government disclosure and transparency in the procurement and contracting process are vital to good government. For this to be accomplished, we must participate in the process with one set of statutes and rules. To legislate that any one entity should be exempt from compliance with the procurement code conveys a sense of disproportionate equality in the law's application.

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If the Legislature intends to exempt specific programs or funds from the Code, the exemption should include assurances that the agency's exempt process includes fair and open competition, disclosure, transparency, due process for aggrieved parties, a defined selection and awards process, and the various elements contained in the Code to ensure public confidence that the exempt procurement process is as fair as the Code.

There is no compelling reason to exempt the procurement of contracts to manage and operate PEG access channels, funds, facilities and equipment from fair and open competition. We request that SECTION 1 be deleted. Thank you.



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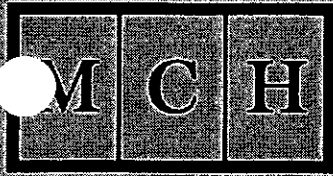
TO: Chair Marcus Oshiro, Vice Chair Marilyn Lee
Members of the House Committee on Finance

FROM: Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii
Barbara Polk, Legislative Chair

RE: SUPPORT FOR HB 112 RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS

Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii supports this bill because it offers a method of selecting PEG access providers that takes into account a wider variety of public interests and needs that does the standard procurement procedure.

Public access cable TV gives members of the public a way to air their concerns and interests, in addition to providing access to the political process and to educational programming. In an era of increasing media consolidation, it is important that public access channels continue to be guided by public interest. We believe that HB 112 provides a process that appropriately allows for greater public input and consideration in selecting the providers. We urge your support for the bill.



Media Council of Hawai'i *Since 1970*

March 1, 2011

House FIN Committee Testimony in favor of HB112

To: Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair, Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair, and Members of the Finance Committee

Testimony in favor of HB112 – Relating to Cable Television Systems

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Chris Conybeare, as president of the Media Council Hawaii, I offer testimony in strong support of HB112 .

The content of this bill incorporates draft rules from your own 2008 HCR 358 Legislative Task Force which recommended that this reasonable method of PEG Access designation be used in lieu of a fatally flawed state procurement process. Recommendation 3 of the HCR 358 Task Force Report states:

"The Task Force recommends that in place of competitive procurement, the DCCA be charged with adopting Administrative Rules that guide a new process for the designation of a PEG Access organizations in a manner that is similar to the process used by DCCA for cable franchises, a process that is already well understood by the DCCA and the public, This process should provide ample opportunity for input by the public on each island within the local franchise area and allow for interested parties to intervene

HB 112 provides for a necessary and fair regulatory framework to govern selection, evaluation and continuation of PEG Access services and will permit Community Television to flourish. We respectfully request that your committee give approval to this legislation. Thank you.

Aloha,

Chris Conybeare
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RE: HB112
ON: March 2, 2011, Noon, Room 308

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Aloha Chair Oshiro and Vice-Chair Lee and members of the House Finance Committee:

Hawaii People's Fund supports grassroots activism for social change. The people need access to amplification of their voices and their vision. Community television with public access gives us this. Hawaii is way ahead of most other places in the US in this arena!

Threats to our public access media are been lurking for years. The RFP procurement process has been neither friendly nor workable.

House Bill 112 creates a fair, open, democratic process for PEG operators. It allows for public hearings and review by an unpaid advisory committee. It cuts through the current non-working RFP process. It eliminates the possibility of backroom deals.

Right now we have PEG organizations that are substantively committed and financially invested in public access media. Why not support them and help them build capacity?

Please pass HB 112 and support it throughout its legislative journey.

Mahalo,

Nancy Aleck

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday March 2, 2011

Room 308

12:00 p.m.

HB 112 - STRONG SUPPORT for PEG Access

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony>

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative working on prison reform and justice issues in Hawai'i for more than a decade. We respectfully offer our testimony always being mindful that Hawai'i has some 6,000 people behind bars with almost 1,800 individuals serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, their ancestral lands.

I am also the producer and host of *Hawai'i Injustice*, an `Olelo community television show that airs the first Tuesday of every month at 8:30 pm and every Thursday morning at 8 am on Channel 54.

HB 112 allows the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to designate an access organization to oversee public, educational and governmental channels on cable television.

Community Alliance on Prisons stands in strong support of this measure that preserves the community voice and clarifies Chapter 440G, outlining the criteria the Director must consider before letting a contract from PEG access.

This is important because the community voice is part of the Director's criteria for selection. This is especially vital in challenging economic times. We the people must always be vigilant that the government doesn't corporatize public assets. These assets are known as The Commons.

PEG (Public, Education, Government) access is a vital part of a thriving democracy. It provides access to information that is, in some cases available nowhere else. Access to current information is even more important for Hawai'i, as many of our communities are separated by ocean. Access to technology facilitating information to connect our islands is not yesterday's luxury - it is today's necessity.

This bill ensures that the public has a voice in keeping public access, well, public! Public access (and we mean PEG access) is

- a public right
- democracy in action
- a way to create a more informed citizenry

- a way to build strong, involved, and committed communities
- a window for policymakers to see, hear and understand issues important to their constituents

When we say public access is a public right, we mean just that. This is the rent - and it is indeed low rent considering the corporate benefit cable television operators gain from the use of public-rights-of-way - for the use of public space.

A vibrant democracy demands participation

Many people feel left out of the mainstream media. The community's voice is often relegated to a 30 second sound bite, if anything at all.

Public access/community media provides a venue for the discussion of issues important to the community. This education encourages participation in the democratic process.

Public access/Community media is vital in Hawai'i because we are a multi-cultural society

We have many immigrants who come to Hawai'i and desperately want to connect with what is going on, but find it very difficult to determine how to do this. Mainstream media do not do much to help people fit in.

Freedom of speech is a vital component of democracy

The Constitution has been under siege, and one of the most important freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights is freedom of speech. Public Access/community media provides an uncensored venue for our community to learn about issues, to find ways to participate in their communities, and to be more active contributors in shaping Hawai'i's future. Public access promotes the first amendment!

Community media increases civic literacy

Hawai'i has pitiful voting numbers. We rank at the bottom for voter participation. It is obvious from our dismal voting numbers that people feel disenfranchised and separated from the government. Yet we are the government. Public access/community media brings issues to the people and calls for their participation. In election cycles, the community can tune in and hear from candidates running for office. This creates a more engaged and educated voter.

Keep Public Access PUBLIC! We support this measure that ensures the public will have a voice in the PEG process that is made clearer with the amendment to Chapter 440G.

A vibrant democracy demands an involved citizenry and every effort to educate and involve the citizens on important issues should be wholeheartedly supported by our government.

Preserving, enhancing, and amplifying the public, educational, and governmental voices
is what *We the People* is all about!

Mahalo for this chance to share our thoughts.

March 2, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro
Chair
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Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the FIN Committee;

**Subject: Letter in Strong Support of HB 112 Relating to Cable
Television Systems**

My name is Roy Amemiya, Chief Operating Officer and Interim President/CEO of 'Ōlelo Community Television, the PEG Access Provider for Oahu. I am writing to strongly support HB 112 Relating to Cable Television Systems. This bill would change the State's procurement process of PEG Access service providers by designating a new process within HRS 440G that is modeled after the process used to procure cable franchises.

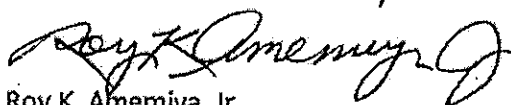
The DCCA and all the PEGs are in support of this bill. Thank you for placing it on the agenda – we really appreciate the committee's consideration of this bill.

The genesis of this measure actually began in 2008 with the unanimous House and Senate enactment of HCR 358, HD1 which established a task force to "solicit public input and examine methods other than public procurement code process to oversee PEG organization expenditures and ensure proper checks and balances". The resolution text is also clear that this body felt that procuring PEG access using HRS 103D has many shortcomings and that another method should be explored by the task force.

Adoption of this bill will eliminate those challenges - accordingly, I ask that you support this measure by moving it out of the Finance Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am pleased to answer any questions that you may have.

Aloha,



Roy K. Amemiya, Jr.
Interim President and CEO

MEMORANDUM FOR: Finance Committee Chair the Honorable Marcus Oshiro,
Vice Chair the Honorable Marilyn Lee, and Committee Members

Re: HB 112, Hearing date -- March 2, 2011, Noon

I am Robert H. Stiver, a retiree from Pearl City. I'm vitally interested in this proposed bill from the following perspectives:

--Although I wouldn't presume to call myself "unique," I do have some elements of my background and current situation that I believe are pertinent here:

----I'm an 'Olelo viewer, a regular consumer of the varied and valuable programs offered by the public-access TV medium.

----I'm a trained 'Olelo cameraperson, editor and producer. I've (together with two co-producers) aired hundreds of programs on 'Olelo -- typically on Channels 49 and 54 -- since late 2005, or five-plus years. My experience with 'Olelo executive, administrative, and technical people has always been one of satisfaction. It is my distinct pleasure to interact with a staff that has a big-picture sense of what public-access TV is and how it should best be pursued in making free speech and expression a daily part of life in our community.

----I'm a retired Federal civil servant whose career, starting in 1968, was in the procurement and contracting field. I retired in 1999, so I had some 30 years of procurement experience.

For several years now, I've observed, and participated in, the long-term discussions over whether a new procurement contract for operation of public-access TV services should be undertaken, through competitive RFP (Request for Proposals) procedures. My position has been fairly simple and straightforward: whereas, in the Federal sector, people like me were responsible for expending the taxpayers' money properly through stringent contracting rules and procedures -- perhaps centrally through price and/or technical competition -- the services provided by 'Olelo for over 20 years do not fit that category. (I note in passing that, in 1984, the concept of "competition" was enshrined in Federal law via the Competition in Contracting Act, or CICA. CICA became the "go to" statute governing every procurement, and as far as I know it is still given at least lip service, despite misadventures some of us may have read about in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere.) My cable franchise fee, and the fees of others, which are allocated in part to make public-access TV a reality on 'Oahu and on the neighbor islands, are not "taxpayer" dollars -- and thus the typical competitive environment via a procurement channel does not pertain.

It is thus my firm belief that House Bill 112, which would delegate responsibility to secure and oversee the operations and management of a public-access TV provider to the competent technical folks at DCCA, is the needed step in the right direction.

Thank you for your attention, and for your deliberations and service on behalf of the public.

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(Prepared March 1, 2011)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 8:30am, Room 308

Testimony IN SUPPORT of HB112 – Relating to Cable Television Systems

I thank you for the opportunity to provide this brief testimony in support of HB112. As a resident of the 15th District on Kauai this is an important measure for our community's ability to continue a civil discourse of interests.

For several years the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs along with the State Procurement Office have struggles through an unnecessary and wasteful exercise in determining the management of PEG resources in our islands. HB112 will provide an immediate and positive solution towards this goal. More importantly the bill will create and provide the strongest accountability and identify standards of performance for these vital and necessary community media operations.

Hawaii's non-profit community media operations are truly an integral part of the fabric and language of our islands. This bill will create a lasting future for the community development opportunities that have been cultivated for the past 20 years. Today there is no more diverse programming or wide range of subject matter on any broadcast television channel. PEG is the voice of the people of our islands including our local governments, our schools, and most importantly the very people you have been elected to serve. We must move forward in a deliberate and crafted manner. HB112 will insure that PEG operations remain vibrant and engaged within their communities and provide the State with the desired oversight and measures of accountability. This is an asset to our community that must be protected and preserved.

As a member of our House of Representatives you can choose to protect and safeguard the voice of the people of Hawaii. I thank you for your consideration of this bill and strongly urge the Committee on Finance to pass HB112 for the continued success and growth of the people of Hawaii.

Respectfully,

JS Robertson

J S Robertson
Managing Director
Ho'ike: Kauai Community Television

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 8:30 AM Room 308

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of HB112 – Relating to Cable Television Systems

I am a resident of Maui County and I offer my testimony in strong support of HB112.

I am the coordinator of the Maui Economic Development Board's Focus Maui Nui Youth Alliance program which brings together high school participants from across Maui Nui to explore key components of our community. This behind-the-scene look is accompanied by projects and activities that give participants a greater understanding of how our community works.

This past Saturday, 2/26/11, I took a group of 23 high school students to the AKAKU studios for a six hour long session during which they were able to film creative and personal video clips as well learn to operate all the audio and visual equipment. They were even able to host their own shows as on-air talent. The staff at AKAKU took the time to encourage and educate each and every one of the Youth Alliance members about the technical aspects of broadcasting as well as give them a voice in their community.

The students have already provided me with a great deal of positive feedback from expressing the desire to work with AKAKU on future scholastic projects to actively exploring broadcasting as a possible career. All the students were very excited to learn more about AKAKU's available resources here on Maui as well as on Lana'i. AKAKU's dedication to education and community service was well demonstrated at this event.

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to testify before you today.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 8:30 AM Room 308

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of HB112 – Relating to Cable Television Systems

My name is Jay April, I am a resident of Maui County, President and CEO of Akaku: Maui County Community Television and a member of the HCR 358 Legislative Task Force. I offer my testimony in strong support of HB112

The bill is intended to provide strong accountability and performance standards for Akaku, Maui County's Akaku Community Television, as well as, the community-based public access television providers serving Oahu, Olelo Community Television, the Big Island, Na Leo O Hawaii and Kauai, Hoike Community Television. These community-anchor non-profit public access organizations have been a vibrant part of our public discourse and civic engagement throughout the state for more than twenty years and this bill will ensure that they continue to be fully accountable and responsive to the needs of those respective local communities, the DCCA and the state.

The content of this bill incorporates draft rules from your 2008 HCR 358 Legislative Task Force which recommended that this reasonable method of PEG Access designation be used in lieu of a fatally flawed state procurement process initiated six years ago by the previous Administration, an ongoing RFP process that has cost the PEG Access organizations and the state many thousands of dollars with no end in sight.

Recommendation 3 of the HCR 358 Task Force Report states:

"The Task Force recommends that in place of competitive procurement, the DCCA be charged with adopting Administrative Rules that guide a new process for the designation of a PEG Access organizations in a manner that is similar to the process used by DCCA for cable franchises, a process that is already well understood by the DCCA and the public, This process should provide ample opportunity for input by the public on each island within the local franchise area and allow for interested parties to intervene

HB112 provides for a regulatory framework that will silence even the harshest critic of the current PEG access designation. We would like to respectfully request that your committee approve HB112 which will grant Akaku and the other community media organizations a sense of certainty they have earned from decades of dedicated community service. This will allow these community-based organizations to continue to expand and build upon their only mission: to provide extended media opportunity and a vibrant voice for all the people of Hawaii Nei.

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to testify before you today.

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I am the chairman of the maui democrats and support HB112 and public access television. please pass out this bill.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 8:30 AM Room 308

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of HB112 – Relating to Cable Television Systems

I am a resident of Maui County, I offer my testimony in strong support of HB112

Over the past two decades, Akaku, Maui Community Television has linked our “canoe district” communities and has provided us with an open forum for discussing everything from public safety, to religion, to senior health care, to politics and socioeconomic or cultural issues. Akaku is a vital part of our communities’ communication infrastructure and thousands of people rely on it for timely news, information, and civic participation.

HB112 provides for a regulatory framework that will allow Akaku to continue to evolve and provide a wide range of participation, broadcast content, and valuable educational outreach to members of our community. Public Access television is truly a success story—I can think of no other organization that elicits participation from every sector of our far-flung communities, regardless of differences in social, cultural, political, age, gender, educational, or economic status. And all of it supported by cable subscribers without adding burden to taxpayers!

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB112.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Testimony IN SUPPORT of **HB112** – Relating to Cable Television Systems

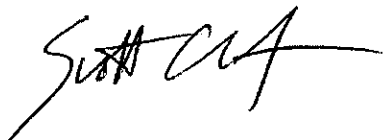
As a resident of Maui County, I wish to express my support for HB112.

I believe that competitive procurement for public access television has been a dysfunctional, time consuming and expensive process that has created unnecessary discord and uncertainty.

This bill will would replace competitive procurement with a process for the DCCA to designate PEG Access organizations very similar to the existing cable franchises, a familiar and well-established process.

Akaka been an important part of our public discourse and civic engagement on Maui for over two decades, and this bill will ensure that it continues to do so, but with long-term stability for the PEG Access organizations to let them focus on fulfilling their purpose, while being fully accountable and responsive to the needs and performance standards of local communities, the DCCA and the state.

Mahalo for your consideration.



Scott Crawford

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Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

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I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to testify before you today.

Sincerely,

Randy Mills
Haiku, Maui

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 8:30 AM Room 308

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of HB112 – Relating to Cable Television Systems

I am a resident of Maui County. I offer my testimony in strong support of HB112.

The bill provides accountability and performance standards for Akaku, Maui County's Public Access Community Television, and the community-based public access television providers serving Oahu, the Big Island, and Kauai. These non-profit organizations have done an outstanding job of giving people a voice in public affairs for more than 20 years.

Everyone on Maui, of all ages and from all our communities, has the opportunity to learn how to film, edit and produce their own shows and broadcast them on Akaku. This is possible because Hawai'i has supported public access broadcasting that is truly community-based. Akaku and the other

HB112 bill will ensure that public access broadcasters continue to be fully accountable and responsive to the needs of those respective local communities, the DCCA and the State.

HB112 includes the method of PEG access designation that was recommended by the 2008 HCR 358 Legislative Task Force, instead of the state procurement process. After careful investigation, the Task Force concluded that procurement is not appropriate or useful way of choosing a community-based public access provider

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HB112 provides a strong regulatory framework, which also allow the community to have a voice in choosing its public access provided. I join with many other supporters of community-based public access broadcasting in supporting this sensible and responsible method.

Please approve HB112 to support community-based public access broadcasting, which has created a vibrant, multi-dimensional voice for all the people of Hawaii Nei.

Thank you.

Susan (Suki) Halevi

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 8:30 AM Room 308

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of HB112 – Relating to Cable Television Systems

I am a resident of Maui County and I offer my testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB112.

HB112 is intended to provide strong accountability and performance standards for the PEGs in Hawaii.

I support HB112 but do not plan to attend the hearing due to travel constraints. Neighbor Island constituents have the heart to testify; not the funds to be able to travel to Oahu. If this hearing were on Maui, you might have as many as five hundred to one thousand folks at your door.

Our community-anchor non-profit public access organizations have been a vibrant part of our public discourse and civic engagement throughout the state for more than twenty years and this bill will ensure that they continue to be fully accountable and responsive to the needs of those respective local communities, the DCCA and the state.

The content of this bill incorporates draft rules from your 2008 HCR 358 Legislative Task Force which recommended that this reasonable method of PEG Access designation be used in lieu of a flawed state procurement process. This ongoing RFP process has cost the PEG Access organizations and the state many thousands of dollars with no real purpose. A recent site visit for the RFP produced no members of the public interested in bidding for the RFP.

I went to every Task Force Meeting and believed the rules developed by this group would be adopted as a solution to this long-term issue. Recommendation 3 of the HCR 358 Task Force Report states:

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I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to testify before you today.

Linda Ruth Puppolo

Lrwerner@hotmail.com

808-283-8390

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 8:30 AM Room 308

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of HB112 – Relating to Cable Television Systems

I am a resident of Maui County and I offer my testimony in strong support of HB112. Today I am requesting that you support HB112 to help us preserve a valuable asset for the citizens of Maui County and the rest of Hawaii. Freedom of speech and expression is not something that should be placed on the auction block or sent out for bid. I believe the public interest is best served by the measures provided by HB112.

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I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to testify before you today.

Sincerely,
Richard L. Hanson

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stuart Hirotsu
Organization: Issei Productions
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: stuart@IsseiProductions.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:
aloha

For the sake of free speech, please support HB112.

We are in a media world - if you take away the voice of the people, the Democratic system that created your job will be gone.

mahalo

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: alberto rojas jr
Organization: neighborhood place of wailuku
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: blueflame3@rocketmail.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael J. Duberstein
Organization: Akaku: Maui Community Television
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: iliwai34@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

I strongly support this measure and urge its quick passage. I have been on the Board of Akaku: Maui Community Television since 2008 and presently serve as its Treasurer. We at Akaku have faced severe uncertainty over the past two years plus because of unwarranted interference from the past Administration and its blatant attempts to gag free speech by insisting on an unneeded RFP for our state's community access media programs. Even the Task Force created by legislation from this body concluded that there was no legal or practical need for an RFP. And our new governor has on many occasions said he will do all he can to stymie use of the RFP. Passage of this bill will not only ratify what the governor has promised--and I have been in a room where he said it loud and clear--but it also will serve, for once and all time establish the conditions under which our very highly rated community access programs will operate.

I can assure you that we at Akaku have allocated far too much of our already extremely limited budget to fighting the RFP war, and, as Treasurer, I also assure you that we have been operating at the same high program level but only on a shoestring budget which makes a lot of pressure on an already stressed staff and volunteers.

Do the right thing. Pass this bill.

Mahalo, aloha and malama pono.

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mark Sheehan
Organization: Maui Tomorrow
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mark@marksheehan.com
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:
Committee on Finance
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Iee, Vice Chair

Wed. March 2, 2011 8:30 AM, Room 308

Testimony IN SUPPORT of HB112, Relating to Cable Television Systems

I am a resident of Maui County offering testimony in support of HB112.

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HB112 provides for a regulatory framework that will silence critics of the current PEG access designation. We ask that your committee approve HB112 which will grant AKAKU and similar organizations a sense of certainty going forward.

Thank you for taking positive action to protect the public's right to great programming.

Mark Sheehan
board member, Maui Tomorrow
Past President

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: FINTestimony
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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: howard selnick
Organization:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: hselnick1@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

as a teacher on molokai whos students and their families use AKAKU to present their messages/history/announcements ect., it is critical that AKAKU is supported.

AKAKU should be allowed to remain under their own management and not be put up to bid. there is too much to loose if another organization takes AKAKU over.

I have also been an AKAKU board member for the past 4 years. I have watched how our maui county community has supported Akaku and in turn how AKAKU has supported Maui county. Every time outside pressures have tried to take over AKAKU, our community has stepped up to support AKAKU.

Beyond maui county, AKAKU provides our Hawaii a very personal and balanced insight into life here.

Please support AKAKU .

aloha, howard selnick

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kenny Hultquist
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: artmusicvideomaui@mac.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

Public Access TV is an important multi-facitated tool that benefits the entire community, please pass bill HB112.

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stephen Luksic
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: tree@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

This Bill is long overdue and essential to a vibrant, healthy community. Without Public Access Television all the information through media would be filtered through profit driven corporations.

Thank you for supporting this bill and thank you for creating a healthy community by passing this bill.

Stephen Luksic

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Date: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:21 AM
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Cc: livingartistry@gmail.com
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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lorayne Lipps
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: livingartistry@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

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I want a public access station that is willing to fight long and hard for my inalienable rights as described in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. Freedom of speech and press is essential for democracy. Akaku has demonstrated a long standing commitment to these principles.

Sincerely,
Lorayne Lipps

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 8:30 AM Room 308

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On a more personal note, I have much to be thankful to Akaku for the ongoing trainings and educational opportunities as well as the ability to honestly hear the voice of Maui as represented through the rich content provided both by, and with the support of Akaku, on it's public access stations.

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to testify before you today.

Because of my experience at Akaku: Maui Community Television I single handedly help drive a greater number of visitors and their tourist revenue dollars to our state and local businesses. Also, I help educate the masses. It's a win win!

Thank you, again, Akaku! Your existence has made my dreams and the dreams of so many others come true.

Aloha!

RJ Kessler

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Chris Mentzel
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: chris@mentzel.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

We here in Maui are mightily proud of our public access station AKAKU. Sure, it infuriates mighty people at times, but in a free society that is the very function of the press. In this age of FOX NEWS it is ever more important that someone tells the truth and that AKAKU continues to provide free open access for people to reach out to others.

A lot of thought has gone into HB112 - please pass it and support the current Public TV that is serving us so well.

Chris Mentzel

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeanne Mosley
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: duberstem001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

I strongly support this bill, Please pass it.
Free speech as presented by Akaku and other systems in our state should never be compromised by the State. Interference by the state denies the rights of the people to hear and see programs without censorship.

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: vincent mina
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: minav001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

I am in support of HB112 to save public access and community TV. Here on Maui AKAKU is doing a great job representing the communities ability to express itself using the medium of Public Access. I watch it all the time whether its keeping abreast of the county council meetings or just viewing the diverse productions that are made by folks who live here. We are so fortunate to have AKAKU and want to keep our right to public access in tact. Mahalo Vincent Mina

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Barry Rivers
Organization: Individual
Address:
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E-mail: brivers@aloha.net
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tina Lia
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: tinalia@tinalia.com
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

My name is Tina Lia. I am a resident of Maui County and a Producer Representative on the Board of Directors for Akaku: Maui Community Television. I am testifying in support of HB112.

This bill will establish accountability standards for Hawai'i's community television stations which will ensure that our non-profit public access organizations are meeting the needs of the public, educational sector, and government. In addition, HB112 will provide rules for PEG Access designation which will put an end to the state procurement process. The current RFP process has drained significant resources from our public access stations and our government funds through six years of litigation. This RFP process is fundamentally wrong and detrimental to the future of free speech in our state.

Hawai'i's public access stations are the voice of our community. The public depends on these stations as a forum for freedom of speech and an outlet for sharing information through creative, educational programming. I ask that you support HB112 and provide our community television organizations with the stability of a strong, fair regulatory process.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Harlen Brown
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: harleydalebrown88@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

The voice of the human soul is the most expressive means with which we have to communicate our innermost desires and feelings. In the transparent world of communication, to have that ability at ones fingertips is the ultimate freedom of speech. To have that ability removed and taken from us is tantamount to communistic censorship and silencing of the human spirit, as is now happening in the middle East. Having rights taken away, freedoms removed, or the ability to speak bridled, is UnHawaiian, UnAmerican, and UnCivilized.

I can only imagine if you were to put duct tape over a politician's mouth, how he or she might react. Please, I implore you, do not censor us, do not shut us up, do not cease to provide the media we the tax payers, and cable payers all have earned, deserve and desire. Please do not cut off funding to free voices all over Maui, just because you can. Please stand up for the rights of your constituents, and of your dissenters, and of those who have no other voice, no other way to get out their ideas, political opinions, religious opinions, or any other form that the cable access channels may take. It is in the best interest of the State Congress to continue to hear the great variety of voices of Hawaii. Harlen Dale Brown

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mike Moran
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mmmmahalo2000@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

Aloha Chair & committee members:

Please offer strong support for this bill to benefit the Hawaiian Community. On Maui ,our Akaku is an unparalleled tool for the voice of all people. Please pass it.

Mahalo,

Mike Moran Kihei

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sol P. Kaho'ohalahala
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: pili_sol@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/1/2011

Comments:

I support HB112 and the granting of AKAKU and the other community media organizations the certainty they have earned from decades of dedicated community service. Please pass this measure to allow these community-based organizations to continue to expand and build upon their only mission: to provide extended media opportunity and a vibrant voice for all the people of Hawaii Nei. Mahalo.