

Testimony before the House Committee On Economic Revitalization & Business

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**House Bill 1342
Relating to Telecommunications**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Paul Nakagawa and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiaries, Hawaii Electric Light Company and Maui Electric Company.

HB 1342 seeks to speed the deployment of high-speed broadband technology in Hawaii by exempting construction of broadband infrastructure from certain permitting requirements.

While we appreciate and support the intent of this bill, we have concerns with the bill as it is currently written as it may affect engineering and safety standards.

We therefore suggest an amendment to page 2, line 19, paragraph (2) to read: "The overall weight on the utility pole does not exceed maximum utility pole safe weight capacities established by the Federal Communication Commission and the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission."

This amendment will ensure that the engineering and safety standards that Hawaiian Electric currently complies with are kept in place.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.