
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST CLEARCOM, INC., IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IN HAWAII.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the development of
2 broadband infrastructure to enable access to affordable ultra
3 high-speed internet is essential to build a vibrant and
4 sustainable economy and workforce in Hawaii and improve the
5 quality of life for residents. The legislature further finds
6 that the utilization of abandoned water mains in conjunction
7 with Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, provide a unique
8 opportunity to achieve the State's "Hawaii Broadband Initiative"
9 goals in a timely and cost effective manner. Underground cables
10 are protected from weather related risks and accident damage,
11 and preserve Hawaii's uncluttered environment. The use of
12 abandoned water mains is a proven way to facilitate cost
13 efficient and rapid deployment of buried fiber optic
14 infrastructure, while minimizing the unavoidable traffic impacts
15 that plague traditional underground construction methods,
16 especially in the urban core. For these reasons, the
17 legislature finds and declares that the issuance of special



1 purpose revenue bonds under this Act is in the public interest
2 and for the public health, safety, and general welfare.

3 SECTION 2. Pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
4 Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the
5 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose
6 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000,000, in
7 one or more series, for the purpose of assisting Clearcom, Inc.,
8 or a partnership headed by Clearcom, Inc., with the planning,
9 permitting, designing, constructing, equipping, and operating of
10 broadband infrastructure at locations throughout the State. The
11 legislature hereby finds and determines that the planning,
12 permitting, designing, constructing, and operating of hydropower
13 plants constitutes a project as defined in part V, chapter 39A,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the financing thereof is assistance
15 to an industrial enterprise.

16 SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
17 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act
18 shall be issued pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
19 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue
20 bonds to assist industrial enterprises.

21 SECTION 4. The department of budget and finance is
22 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to



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Report Title:

Special Purpose Revenue Bonds; Clearcom, Inc.; Hawaii Broadband Initiative

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Clearcom, Inc., or a partnership headed by Clearcom, Inc., with the planning, permitting, design, construction, equipping, and operating broadband infrastructure throughout the State. Effective 7/1/12.

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