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ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS
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H.B. 2266

RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Chair McKelvy, Vice Chair Choy, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2266.

The Office of Information Management and Technology strongly supports and recommends passage of H.B. 2266.

The proposed bill provides additional specificity to the number of members to be selected by the speaker of the house and the senate president to the information technology steering committee. It will provide for the chief information officer to also select the same number of members, which is not currently allowed. Each would be allowed to select four (4) members to the information technology steering committee. As the chief information officer serves as the chair, the committee will consist of thirteen total members.

A definitive number of committee members will allow for representation from the executive branch departments, the judiciary, the legislature, and private and corporate individuals. The broad range of perspectives will promote robust discussion on best practices, emerging trends, anticipated challenges, and overall direction related to the statewide information technology strategic plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

The Honorable Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair

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Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 2266, Relating to Information Technology.

Purpose: Clarifies that the information technology steering committee shall consist of thirteen members: four members to be selected by the senate president, four members to be selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives, and four members to be selected by the chief information officer, with the chief information officer to serve as the chair.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the overall intent of this bill. We believe that a steering committee with an equitable membership would ensure that technology projects could be selected based on their potential impact to all branches of government.

To ensure that the unique needs and priorities of the Judiciary are addressed, we request that the Chief Justice of the Judiciary be able to select one member of the information technology steering committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2266