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Honorable David Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hawaii State Capitol
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RE: HB 2267 HD1 SD1 - Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to Assist Clearcom, Inc., in the Development of Broadband Infrastructure in Hawaii – COMMENTS
March 29, 2012, 9:00 AM; Room 211

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee,

On behalf of Oceanic Time Warner Cable (Oceanic), which provides a diverse selection of entertainment, information, and communication services to over 425,000 Hawaii households, schools and businesses and currently employs more than 1,000 highly-trained individuals, we appreciate the opportunity to testify on this bill.

This bill is intended to authorize the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Clearcom, Inc., or a partnership headed by Clearcom, Inc., with planning, permitting, designing, constructing, equipping, and operating broadband infrastructure throughout the State.

We support the planning, permitting, designing, constructing, equipping and operating of broadband infrastructure throughout the state. We support the portion of this bill that addresses the need to build out infrastructure in unserved rural areas of the state. However, we do have concerns with the other provisions of this bill which appear to support duplicative broadband improvements in urban areas which are already served.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,

Bob Barlow
President of Oceanic Time Warner Cable

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ASSIST CLEARCOM, INC.
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IN HAWAII**

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March 29, 2012

Chair Ige and members of the Committee:

I am Ken Hiraki, providing comments on behalf of Hawaiian Telcom on HB 2267 HD1 SD1, Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to Assist Clearcom, Inc. in the Development of Broadband Infrastructure in Hawaii.

While we support the overall objective of improving Hawaii's broadband infrastructure, we are unable to provide detailed comments because the bill does not list where and what type of broadband projects are being funded.

If it is the intent of this bill to fund duplicative broadband improvements in areas that are already being adequately served by multiple providers we question the public purpose and the need for government support for such a project. Conversely, if the intent of this bill is to provide improved broadband services to areas currently underserved (especially on the neighbor islands) then we would argue the greater the public purpose and the greater the need for government support. As presently drafted the bill is devoid of project details so we will limit our testimony at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide some comments.