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TESTIMONY  
of  
**GORDON J. BRUCE, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**  
Department of Information Technology  
City and County of Honolulu  
before the  
**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS**  
on  
Tuesday, February 7, 2012  
8:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of  
**HOUSE BILL 2325 – RELATING TO BROADBAND**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, and Members of the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business:

My name is Gordon J. Bruce, and as the Director of the Department of Information Technology and the Chief Information Officer for the City and County of Honolulu, I submit testimony in opposition of HB 2325.

I appreciate the intent of HB2325, but there are numerous issues that can arise from exempting companies and organizations from obtaining permits.

When it comes to County property, there is a fiduciary responsibility to the constituent, and as such, county officials must comply with the various county laws related to encumbering County lands. As it relates to private property, county officials have a fiduciary responsibility to protect those who live in and around private property.

In addition, many counties require that community input be required. Sunshine laws regulate the placing of such notice, and the scheduling of such meetings, such as at neighborhood boards. The time schedules in the proposed legislation may inhibit the communities from including these items on their agendas negating the ability to provide citizen input.

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair  
Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business  
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Another approach may be to look at a means to open up common rights-of-way, government and non-government government facilities such a buildings, light poles, and in ground conduit systems to competitive use.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon J. Bruce", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gordon J. Bruce  
Director and Chief Information Officer

## **LATE TESTIMONY**



**ROBERT KIHUNE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
SANDWICH ISLES COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
TO  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS ON  
FEBRUARY 7, 2012 - 8:30 A.M.  
  
HB2325 RELATING TO BROADBAND**

Chair McKelvey and members of the House Economic Revitalization and Business Committee:

I am Robert Kihune, Chief Executive Officer of Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC), providing testimony in support of HB2325, Relating to Broadband.

SIC has spent nearly two decades building out broadband telecommunications infrastructure across the state to ensure native Hawaiians in remote and rural areas of our state have access to broadband telecommunications services. In order to provide service on Hawaiian Home Lands (HHL), SIC has and will continue to install broadband infrastructure outside of HHL areas. As a result of these critical broadband infrastructure investments, the Hawaiian community today is able to preserve its cultural heritage while capitalizing on opportunities in the global market, through the advanced technology provided by SIC. We believe that broadband technology is an essential element of the State's

economy and vital to the health and welfare of all in the State. From our experience, onerous county and state permitting and approval requirements often cause significant and costly delays to broadband infrastructure deployment. We believe requiring state and county agencies to approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove all broadband related permits within 45 days will help to eliminate these delays thereby attracting much-needed broadband investment in Hawaii.

For these reasons we urge passage of this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.