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Date: Monday, February 27, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON H.B. 2874 - RELATING TO BROADBAND

TO THE HONORABLE MARCUS R. OSHIRO, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Donn Yabusaki, and I am the Cable Television Administrator, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA"). The DCCA opposes this bill as it is written.

The DCCA's chief concern revolves around Section 2 which caps appropriations paid to recipients from fees collected pursuant to HRS chapter 440G to basically 2011 levels. Fees appropriated pursuant to HRS chapter 440G include the annual fees paid to the DCCA by cable operators to administer HRS chapter 440-G. The annual fees paid to DCCA not only go towards the administration of HRS chapter 440-G, but these fees have been used to support broadband infrastructure and services for the Department of Education, University of Hawaii, and Department of Transportation, and to represent the State in proceedings before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To limit DCCA's annual fees to 2011 levels would adversely impact its ability to fund broadband projects and infrastructure, and the expansion of the INET. In addition to this, it would adversely impact the State's ability to access federal funds related to broadband and telecommunications that are regulated by the FCC.

It is also unclear from the language of the bill if the intent is to cap the amount of operating fees paid to PEG access organizations and funding paid to PBS Hawaii, that, pursuant to its authority under HRS chapter 440G, the DCCA orders cable operators to pay. The DCCA believes that “recipients of moneys appropriated pursuant to chapter 440G” (page 2, lines 20-21) is limited to the DCCA. If, however, this measure is intended to cover the franchise fees paid by cable operators to PEG access organizations and PBS Hawaii, then the DCCA respectfully requests that the Finance Committee clarify the phrase “recipients of moneys appropriated pursuant to chapter 440G” (page 2, lines 20-21) and identify the recipients.

Finally, this bill assumes that fees that are collected from the cable operators will exceed the amounts paid out in 2011. Because these fees are based on a percentage of revenues, the actual dollar amount collected from the cable operators varies from year to year, and it is possible that there would not be any funds available as a result of this measure to go into the proposed broadband fund.

The DCCA does not object to the creation of a broadband special fund, but rather, other sources of revenue should be found to provide revenue for this fund, as limiting DCCA’s current role in broadband would adversely impact the Governor’s goal of providing ubiquitous access to world-class broadband service at affordable prices throughout Hawai’i. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

Monday, February 27, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Room 308

STRONG OPPOSITION TO SECTION 2 - HB 2874

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies for more than a decade. This testimony is respectfully offered, always being mindful that 6,000 Hawai'i individuals are living behind bars, including 1,800 men who are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

HB 2874 creates a broadband special fund to support funding public school broadband and laptop initiatives. Beginning 01/01/13, it freezes appropriations of moneys derived from cable fees at the lesser of the 2011 appropriation or the amount that a recipient would otherwise receive in the current year and requires excess moneys to be deposited into the broadband special fund. Effective 07/01/12 and repealed 06/30/17.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in STRONG OPPOSITION to Section 2 of this bill which we see as an attack on direct democracy that public access media provides. I have hosted a show called Hawai'i InJustice for Community Alliance on Prisons on 'Olelo for almost 5 years. The information we share is not found in the mainstream press.

DCCA is responsible to protect the public interest. The PUBLIC rights-of-way the cable operator enjoys are public property and the government must ensure that the public interest is served. In other words, the government has a public trust obligation to the community.

Last session we were stunned when a legislator actually asked in this very committee, "What is the public benefit of democracy?" The public benefit is the public voice. We live in a representative democracy but that doesn't mean that direct democracy is silenced. It means that you, our elected representatives, represent the voice of the people. You don't make decisions in a vacuum - that is totalitarianism. You are elected to listen to the voice of the people you represent. My Mom said it best when she taught us: You have two ears and one mouth for a reason - you are supposed to listen twice as much than you speak.

Given the present state of our society, however, it's no surprise that we find communications not at the heart of a vibrant democracy, but rather in the grip of an oppressive and contradictory system of mass control. Nowhere is this more evident than in the community struggle for access to the airwaves, and the corporate/government campaign to crush it. Nowhere have U.S. citizens lost greater control of its public sphere than in the government's management of the airwaves.

This bill is evidence of that loss and I am ashamed that our representatives would even consider it.

Genuine democracy requires an informed public that has access to a diverse range of controversial and contrasting views.

Genuine democracy requires media that reflect the cultural diversity and local issues that characterize a community.

Genuine democracy is based on broad public participation, a condition made possible not by political representation, but by direct public access.

Community media is growing on all our islands. People who never had a voice are finding their voice; they are expressing views that are reflected nowhere else. PEG programming is reflective of all sectors of our community. Section 2 of this bill seeks to limit that growth and the community opportunity to voice our concerns.

Rights-of-way and airwaves are public space and as a community benefit, the cable operator is required to serve the public interest by making channels available for the purpose of broadcasting community media.

The funds for the broadband initiative should not be borne by cable subscribers. The modest fees collected for the use of PUBLIC airwaves should be entirely dedicated to community media.

Noam Chomsky said it best,

"Where there is even a pretense of democracy, communications are at its heart."

This bill has a chilling effect on democracy and we respectfully ask you to delete Section 2.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



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February 26, 2012

TO: Chair Marcus Oshiro, Vice Chair Marilyn Lee
Members of the House Committee on Finance

FROM: Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii
Barbara Polk, Legislative Chair

SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO HB 2874 RELATING TO BROADBAND

I hope all members of the committee have looked carefully at this bill. It is not what it seems. While Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii would certainly support a bill to establish a fund to be used for broadband and technology based learning in the public schools, we note that changes in Section 2 of this bill are erroneously **not** marked as new statutory material and urge that the committee pay close attention to that section. This bill seems to have been designed primarily to slip through a restriction on public access TV. We also note that consistent with the content of a bill that would restrict public information, this bill, first triple referred, was re-referred in a single referral to this committee at the last minute, with only weekend notice of this hearing provided, in both ways restricting the likelihood of public input.

The public access channels of the islands, funded by a portion of cable TV receipts, are critically important to providing television access to voices and events not routinely reported by the commercial channels, including the ability to see public hearings (especially important to neighbor island people, since almost all state governmental hearings are held on Oahu) on the governmental access channels, the development of focused educational materials that can be viewed statewide on the educational access channels, and the ability to hear a wide variety of ideas, viewpoints, cultural events, etc. that make up the public access channels. In addition, the public access channels give individuals and groups in the communities an opportunity to be heard publicly. This access is invaluable in a democratic society, and especially important as we experience the consolidation of the commercial media. Public access TV should be expanded, not contracted.

There are other anomalies in this bill. It is unusual to provide funding to one state agency that is intended for the benefit of another agency. Also, it is highly unusual, and inappropriate, to establish a state fund that allows donors to target their money, by-passing state policy and priorities. In this case, targeted donations may well result in the highly unequal development of technology based education in wealthier and poorer areas of the state.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to hold HB 2874 in committee.

Committee on Finance
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Committee on Legislative Management
Rep. Kyle Yamashita, Chair
Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair

Monday, February 27, 2012 10:00 AM Conference Room 308

**Testimony of Jay April, President and CEO Akaku: Maui Community Television
Member HCR 358 Legislative Task Force in STRONG OPPOSITION TO
HB2874 RELATING TO BROADBAND**

On behalf of the people of Maui, we strongly OPPOSE House Bill 2874 Relating to Broadband because we can demonstrate that it's likely effect will be to limit broadband adoption and education, not enhance it.

Protection of cable access funding of Public, Educational and Government Access is important to broadband education and is an essential component of bringing Hawaii into the forefront of the digital age. Our ability to communicate effectively with each other will only succeed if the fullest range of local community communications needs such as access to bandwidth, tools, skills and ideas on a fast, open, affordable internet are met for all residents at reasonable cost. Media literacy, digital education and access to spectrum are the underpinnings of broadband development. PEG access centers already in place, are providing cost effective resources and tools to accomplish these goals and bring digital literacy to all of our people. They are perfectly positioned to have an immediate positive impact on Hawaii's broadband future. This is why it makes perfect sense to increase funding for PEG for use in broadband adoption and education, not freeze funding as is contemplated in this bill.

This is particularly important because Akaku has been an early adopter of real world broadband applications. Akaku was the first media organization in Hawaii to use the internet to stream video in the late nineties and in 2007 was once again the first to multicast and simulcast, via radio, television and the web, events of public importance to the entire state. Akaku was the first in Hawaii to integrate live TV broadcasts with "skype" technology and currently provides Maui County Government free streaming services and Maui Nui residents with one of the most innovative broadband training programs in the nation - a programs that could be at risk if HB2874 should ever become law. This bill if it passes will, by cutting off its nose to spite its face, negatively impact an existing, highly functional engine

for broadband adoption by Hawaii residents.

Akaku is currently using broadband technology and curricula that are light years ahead of anything public schools are doing including deploying state of the art equipment and software that outperforms anything a laptop can do. This broadband adoption effort is open to all youth in Maui County from ages 10 -25 and extends well beyond the confines of any classroom.

Not only that, we are at the verge of exporting this progressive learning model to our educational partners statewide and are actively investigating the possibility of creating broadband infrastructure build-outs for rural areas that will be superior to anything offered by Time Warner Cable or anybody else. House Bill 2874, by robbing Peter to pay Paul, will help defeat these efforts by taking resources and growth away from the real broadband innovators and trainers, Hawaii's PEG Access centers. HB2874 will put these much needed funds into an undefined, black hole of underperforming state education coffers. Despite the dedication and excellence demonstrated every day in the classroom by Hawaii's teachers, due to bureaucratic and other priorities, it is hard to justify how a few laptops will have the ability to transform the present system into a high performance new media engine no matter how hard they try. And the proof is in the pudding. It needs to be pointed out that for several years now, our public schools have received millions and millions of dollars of cable franchise PEG funds from Akaku and from Olelo with few, if any measurable results and little or no accountability for these funds.

If House members are really interested in creating a real world model to increase broadband adoption and meet the lofty goals outlined in the Hawaii Broadband Initiative, it might consider an amendment to direct the DCCA to raise the current franchise fee assessment to 5% and to increase, not limit, funding to island PEG entities for purposes of broadband education.

HB 2874

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To Whom it may concern,

Hawaii Fathers-4-Justice is in "Strong Opposition" of this bill. How can someone even think of Capping funding to an entity that supports the Community. The people who vote you in office! This is the Communities voice that has no restraints from corporate greed and manipulation... Unless it is drafted by legislators backed by the Corporatists?

Scott K. Wong
State Coordinator
Hawaii Fathers-4-Justice

February 25, 2012

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 2874
RELATING TO BROADBAND

Aloha Chair Marcus Oshiro and Vice Chair Marilyn Lee, and members of the House Finance Committee!

Ka Lei Maile Alii Hawaiian Civic Club (with 67 members) writes in opposition to HB 2874 and in support of PEG Access. As cable subscribers and supporters of community media access we strongly urge that the funds collected from subscribers be used for their intended purpose. We encourage the legislature to find some other way to support broadband. Silencing the community voice is both undemocratic and unwise, yet that would be the outcome of this bill. We urge you to consider the impact on communities and the need to keep dialogue alive and well through the medium of PEG Access.

Mahalo me ka pono,

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February 26, 2012

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

Representative Kyle Yamashita
Representative James Kunane Tokioka
House Committee on Legislative Management

Subject: Opposition for HB 2874 – Relating to Broadband

Aloha Honorable Chairs Oshiro and Yamashita, and Vice Chairs Lee and Tokioka,

I am Rene Mansho, testifying as an individual and speaking in strong opposition to HB 2874 because it would negatively impact funding for Olelo Community Media.

For the past nine years, I have been promoting diverting waste from our landfills, recycling, and preserving our natural resources, and for the past 6 years, Olelo has been actively raising the public's awareness of how to help save our environment. People want to recycle, and through Olelo's efforts, I have seen drastic changes in our community where more agencies and individuals are striving to be leaders and role models as environmental stewards. I have seen most of you working in the trenches to help your schools and community organizations to curb illegal dumping and organize community clean-up events.

Olelo enlightens the public and represents the every day heroes, regular citizens who love their community and want only the best and always finding ways to make things better.

Please do not reduce the necessary funding for Olelo's operations.

Please oppose HB 2874. Mahalo nui loa.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Rene Mansho

Rene Mansho

FINTestimony

From: tess@mewe-creations.com
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:37 AM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Please Vote NO on HB2874

Dear Representatives,

This is my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2874. Although I support the state effort to encourage fast, ubiquitous and affordable broadband for all Hawaii residents by 2018, freezing the funds for already underfunded PEG Access stations is not the way to do it. Since PEG Access centers are truly the sole Community Anchor Institutions already set up to train residents in broadband adoption and community broadband access, it would be a huge mistake to divert funding away from these resources. Please vote NO on this measure or add an amendment that will increase, not freeze PEG funding for purposes of broadband education

Sincerely,

Tess Cartwright

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 5:03 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: abensley80@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Adam Bensley
Organization: Individual
E-mail: abensley80@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 2874. I feel that the legislators are trying to sneak this bill by without the knowledge of the public and I am very upset about that. Do not pass HB 2874. Do not silence the voice of the public. HB2874 will only serve to suppress our freedom of speech and to benefit corporate media. As legislators your job is to serve the people, not to silence our voice and look out for the benefit of corporate media. Mahalo

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 6:06 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: rkinslow@my.hpu.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: R. Kinslow
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rkinslow@my.hpu.edu
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I remain strongly opposed to any attempt to raid the PEG access funds and break-up the currently finely tuned system. It works well. Why do you continue to seek to gut PEG access?

The people and community functions of PEG are important to our islands people. Why would PEG funds be diverted to the general fund? This a money grab? Why do citizens have to keep fighting for PEG access program and institutional structure to remain working as they are? Surely, there are monied interests that seek to derail the intent and perfection of the community access system, otherwise I would not have to continue testifying for keeping Olelo hole. Why do you even entertain these poorly thought out proposals? It is actions like these only reinforce the already negative impression of this administration and the legislature and underline the enormous gap between what the people want and what government and private interests lobby for behind closed doors. I urge you to drop this extraordinarily flawed proposal that will take power from the voices of the people and place them in the hands of government and business sectors.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 6:15 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kimokelii@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kimo Kelii
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kimokelii@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

Aloha Kakou, my name is Kimo Kelii and I am in strong opposition of HB 2874 passing mainly because of the fact that this bill's intent will make it impossible for any of the Hawaii PEG access centers to maintain their current service levels after this year. Furthermore, this bill will give the educational programs and DOE entities an advantage over the community type services and programs therefore making the balance of everyones voices being heard throughout Hawaii Nei slanted and unequal.

I humbly request that as our House Representatives, please deny and oppose the passage of this bill as it needs to be amended to provide equality in services and programming to both the educational and community oriented users and projects.

Mahalo Nui Loa!

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 6:27 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: Hansamusan@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shelby
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Hansamusan@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

To:

I OBJECT to HB 2874, a bill to separate Public, Education and Government access. I am Shelby Billionaire, a spiritual activist and concerned citizen. I am writing first to protest the unethical way that you have scheduled HB 2874 for a vote. You misled the community by telling us you would defer the bill and now it is up for vote with minimal notice.

STATE THE PROBLEM

Our Public Access media is

- Highly valued because corporate media dominates Hawaii's news. The community does not have viable alternatives to get their voice on the air.
- Efficiently run because the public, education and government sectors share broadcasting equipment that puts their programs on the air.
- An expression of our right to free speech. This has proven to be an effective way for the public to have a voice.

Separating Public, Education and Government will

- Seriously weaken the public voice. Across the country when these sectors are separated, the public loses its voice because Education and Government are usually well funded.
- Cause wasteful and unnecessary purchase of duplicate equipment and staff services.
- Cause organizations like Olelo Community Media to be destroyed because of deep cuts in funding because of this legislation.

STATE YOUR PERSONAL BENEFIT

A wide variety of community and non-profit organizations and leaders use public access to get their messages across. The freedom for the people's voice to be heard will be squashed if this bill goes through, over riding the hard work and efforts of the many who wish to create a positive change in this world. The major cable companies and big networks control most of the media and the world; filtering out the voices of the few with fewer resources, networks, and power. This bill will demolish the will of the people and limit their access to express their first amendment right and what it means to be an American citizen and have the freedom to express those beliefs. Don't rule out the voice of the people, because that's not what our country has fought for, our forefathers died for, or what our constitution stands up for. Let freedom ring!!!! Don't pass this bill!

PRESENT YOUR SOLUTION or skip this

The legislature should ask that Oceanic Time Warner contribute more, not less to public access in exchange for using the public right of way for corporate profits.

STATE YOUR POSITION

Do not pass HB 2652

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: FINTestimony
Cc: lightwave7@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Genie Joseph
Organization: Individual
E-mail: lightwave7@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

Did you know that dogs are helping soldiers with PTSD? This is a new program at Tripler called the Human Animal Bond. This is the subject of my next show at Olelo. I am a Red Cross Volunteer at Tripler and the public needs to learn but exciting, effective interventions like this. Of course there is no budget to promote this program at Tripler. We rely on public access to help inform and educate the public. We must protect public access as it is an important resource and it ensures freedom of speech for everyone in Hawaii. Please oppose HB 2874 and protect the future of PEG access Television which is one of the great creative and cultural assets in Hawaii.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 6:40 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: maximtory@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Toby Lam
Organization: Individual
E-mail: maximtory@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as I feel strongly these funds were collected from the cable subscriber for helping PEG access not for funding any others. Just because you can doesn't mean you should.

Why was this bill announced so last minute, as a concerned citizen this makes it very difficult to move my work schedule around to appear in person to testify.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 6:41 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: braulick@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nathan Leo Braulick
Organization: Individual
E-mail: braulick@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose HB2874. If the state limits PEG access funding, it will also effectively be limiting the free expression of local community voices, upon which a democracy depends. Cable subscribers' funds are collected to ensure the ongoing viability of Olelo Community Media, and as demand for Olelo's services continues to expand, those funds must be made available. PEG programs are essential to the health of our democratic, pluralistic society. Thank you for supporting Hawaii's diverse communities, and for supporting PEG access. Nathan Leo Braulick, Producer, Equally Speaking.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 6:52 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: wkenkoike@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: W. Ken Koike
Organization: Individual
E-mail: wkenkoike@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

Please stop the misappropriation of funds dedicated to PEG Access. I am a faithful viewer of Olelo programming and am greatly disappointed at the suggestion of limiting or diverting ANY funds away from PEG Access. If anything, PEG Access funding needs to increase - and TimeWarner Cable needs to fulfill its obligation to the public for its exclusive monopoly over cable broadcasting in Hawaii.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: FINTestimony
Cc: hehehesweet666@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nicholas Nguyen
Organization: Individual
E-mail: hehehesweet666@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 7:25 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: bunnnybooo@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Delora Hutton
Organization: 'olelo
E-mail: bunnnybooo@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

The intention of the funds is to promote public access television in return for the monopoly of Time Warner being the only cable company. It is unconscionable for the State to make an effort to grab the funding. I also am a registered voter.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: FINTestimony
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Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Benjamin Shafer
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: FINTestimony
Cc: cynthiakim53@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cynthia Kim
Organization: Individual
E-mail: cynthiakim53@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I believe a for profit organization should not tap into money for a nonprofit organization such as Olelo. Do not do it

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: rocarate@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rudi A. Ocampo
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rocarate@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

funds are collected from cable subscribers for the purpose supporting PEG access and should only be used for that purpose.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 7:59 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: ajohnson@hinamauka.org
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Alan Johnson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ajohnson@hinamauka.org
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

This bill that seeks to permanently cap funding for all community access centers at current levels. 'Olelo and our PEG Access sister organizations are united in strong opposition to this bill since it will make it impossible for any of Hawaii's PEG Access centers to maintain current service levels after this year. ; ; ; On the surface, the bill will create a broadband special fund to support public school broadband and laptop initiatives. However, in order to implement this initiative, the bill will take funding intended to support the community's voice via PEG Access by;freezing appropriations of PEG funds derived from cable fees at 2011 levels and divert them to the State's "Broadband Special Fund";. In 2017, any PEG Access funds remaining will revert to the; General Fund. ; ; ;'Olelo is supportive of broadband initiatives for public schools. In fact, 'Olelo has had a long and fruitful partnership with the educational sector promoting innovative media. However, 'Olelo's purpose is; to serve and protect Access for all sectors and all voices.; Capping PEG funding at 2011 levels will effectively take future funds that are meant to support all PEG Access sectors and community free speech to support a State initiative.This is a House bill that seeks to permanently cap funding for all community access centers at current levels.; Again, 'Olelo and our PEG Access sister organizations are united in strong opposition to this bill since it will make it impossible for any of Hawaii's PEG Access centers to maintain current service levels after this year. ; ; ; ; ; On the surface, the bill will create a broadband special fund to support public school broadband and laptop initiatives. However, in order to implement this initiative, the bill will take funding intended to support the community's voice via PEG Access by;freezing appropriations of PEG funds derived from cable fees at 2011 levels and divert them to the State's "Broadband Special Fund";. In 2017, any PEG Access funds remaining will revert to the; General Fund. ; ; ; ; ;'Olelo is supportive of broadband initiatives for public schools. In fact, 'Olelo has had a long and fruitful partnership with the educational sector promoting innovative media. However, 'Olelo's purpose is; to serve and protect Access for all sectors and all voices.; Capping PEG funding at 2011 levels will effectively take future funds that are meant to support all PEG Access sectors and community free speech to support a State initiative.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 8:05 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: guzzyd@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dean Guzman
Organization: Individual
E-mail: guzzyd@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

By limiting PEG access funding, it will greatly impact our community communication needs. The funds that are collected from cable subscribers will help the community, of the community, by the community and open to all. please do not restrict our communities from growing and limiting our freedom of expression .

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 8:28 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kimokalei59@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: James Kahue
Organization: Asian PacificMgmt Consultants
E-mail: kimokalei59@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

The diverse communities of this State should have a venue like 'Olelo to share their stories, culture, music, talent, problems and solutions to their people and for others to see, hear and understand.

We need this organization and the credibility they have in teaching and reaching out to the people to get their message out whether it is about change, history, language, culture these stories and images can help people reach out.

I have volunteered and produced programs for 'Olelo and know they care, they do, they teach and they are great for what PEG should be all about.

I oppose HB2874 and will give my reasons at the hearing.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 8:31 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: fetu_taua_kolio@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Fetu Kolio
Organization: Individual
E-mail: fetu_taua_kolio@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

By limiting (PEG) Access funding, the State will also be limiting the free expression of my voice.

Community participation and (PEG) Access programming continues to grow. With capped funding, Olelo will be hard-pressed to meet our community needs in communication for the future.

Cable subscribers are collecting funds for the purpose of supporting (PEG), those funds should only be use for that purpose.

All cable subscribers across the State Of Hawaii, should not half to bear the burden for creating a (Broadband Initiative).

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 8:38 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: bluelighttoassistv@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Rogers
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bluelighttoassistv@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

Robbing from Peter to pay Paul is not a solution.
I believe Olelo is a community service that needs strengthening not cutting back. Please don't stop the progress we are making. It truly is a wonderful service that PEG provides. There are other avenues in which to fund the Broadband initiatives.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 8:46 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: juliusas7@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Julius AhSam
Organization: GODS LOVE
E-mail: juliusas7@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

OLELO had been, is and will always be THE VOICE OF THE Community. It has given the community a voice no other Media can. People from all ages, culture, language have the opportunity to share . There is a variety that no other TV offers. Also it's making it very accesble . Olelo had also trained more people to use TV and use equipments.

We started with OLELO 15 years ago, knowing nothing about TV. Today our show GOD'S LOVE is aired in Central Florida, All of Russia on Sattelite and over 500 TV Stations , translated in Russian.

Si I thank you OLELO for the amazing Job they are doing and we should support OLELO and ensure it continues with the great work they are doing.

I thank all the staff for their tireless, dedicated help.

May OLELO continue to thrive.

Thank and Praise GOD for OLELO.

God Bless

Julius

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 8:51 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: hirschman777@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Peter Hirsch
Organization: Individual
E-mail: hirschman777@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

Olelo enables the community to have free speech on the airwaves and offer viewers a selection of shows not available on cable tv. Their views can be expressed, the community can be served without worry of commercial interests. It is entertainment at the purest sense and needs continued support...to save free speech! Mahalo

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 9:07 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kkitagawa1@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kent Kitagawa
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kkitagawa1@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

1. Limiting PEG Access fund limits the community expression of local voices which continues to grow everyday.
2. Funds are collected from cable subscribers for supporting PEG access and should only be used for that purpose. Cable users should not bear the burden of creating a broadband initiative.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 9:12 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: porkchop0@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ronald Hirsch
Organization: Individual
E-mail: porkchop0@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

Please oppose HB2874!! As an American citizen anyone opposing freedom of speech, is in my humble opinion ANTI-AMERICAN!! You as legislators have our rights in your hands. Please do not deny the public voice! Thank you!

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 9:17 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: jeffgere@lava.net
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeff Gere
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jeffgere@lava.net
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I am totally opposed to any changes in the PEG situation. Leave Olelo alone, or increase funding. Why do we keep messing with something that works so well? I am a Democrat, I vote, and I am watching this closely. Back off.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 9:18 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: carmel.molzhon@hawaiiantel.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carmel Molzhon
Organization: Individual
E-mail: carmel.molzhon@hawaiiantel.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

It is very important for our communities to have a voice, and a place to learn about issues, people, and events. Our local access stations get teens involved and active in community service....a place where they can be creative.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 9:19 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: jwfd808@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: john white
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jwfd808@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

this is a bad idea we have been fighting this battle for year to keep our funds to be able to speak for our self's to take these fund from this already short budget would be both a mistake and a misfortune for Hawaii please leave this fund alone

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 9:23 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: junedillinger@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: June Dillinger
Organization: Individual
E-mail: junedillinger@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I have just attended the Annual Olelo Volunteer event and learned of the intention to NOT allow or limit PEG access funding. I oppose this as a citizen of this community who actively supports public programming for the people of these Hawaiian Islands. I produce and host a show called "It's All About Love" and its main mission is to support Hawaii, in all facets of life and why we love this land and its people so much. Don't hurt the community by limiting the availability of this service. That would be stealing what is for the citizens.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 9:27 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: mkproductions1926@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Matthew Kraus
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mkproductions1926@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

Continueing fundng for 'olelo tv is worthwhile. I've found it to be helpful in my continuing of reference in the media.

Please continue this resource. It is appreciated by many people about the island.
Thank you for the funding which has allowed the work for tv.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 10:00 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: rkinslow@my.hpu.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: R. Kinslow
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rkinslow@my.hpu.edu
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I remain strongly opposed to any attempt to raid the PEG access funds and break-up the currently finely tuned system. It works well. Why do you continue to seek to gut PEG access?

The people and community functions of PEG are important to our islands people. Why would PEG funds be diverted to the general fund? This a money grab? Why do citizens have to keep fighting for PEG access program and institutional structure to remain working as they are? Surely, there are monied interests that seek to derail the intent and perfection of the community access system, otherwise I would not have to continue testifying for keeping Olelo hole. Why do you even entertain these poorly thought out proposals? It is actions like these only reinforce the already negative impression of this administration and the legislature and underline the enormous gap between what the people want and what government and private interests lobby for behind closed doors. I urge you to drop this extraordinarily flawed proposal that will take power from the voices of the people and place them in the hands of government and business sectors.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 10:12 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: Uppwords@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Doug Davidson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Uppwords@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I oppose hb2874 because it directly affects the community's ability to voice ourselves culturally & politically. I am an Olelo producer & have known for years that Cable subscribers pay a portion of their bill to support PEG access, and capping funds at a time when more & more people are exercising their freedoms, is infringing on our rights.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 10:16 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kimo@sot-hi.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kimo Keawe
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kimo@sot-hi.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I am totally in opposition to HB2874.

This measure should not have been introduced because 'Olelo Community Media Center has for the past 22-years given the community the opportunity to express their view in letting "Our Voices be Heard" -

Why "duplicate" funding into public school for broadband and laptop initiatives when 'Olelo is already in our school system providing these services?

Does not make sense - concentrate on improving our economy rather than silencing our community.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 10:44 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: comtnwmn@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marilyn Yeager
Organization: Individual
E-mail: comtnwmn@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

Respectfully request that you NOT limit PEG Access funding. Such limiting could silence or greatly limit the many and diverse voices that are heard by the viewers of Olelo. Community participation and PEG access programming continue to grow. Funds are collected from cable subscribers to support this and should not be used for other purposes.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 11:10 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: thomaskhackett@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tom Hackett
Organization: Individual
E-mail: thomaskhackett@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

PEG Access funding is for PEG Access. Do not change the way things are by redirecting funding to anything else.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 11:50 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: Df@mauiventure.net
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David B. Fisher
Organization: Maui Venture Consulting LLC
E-mail: Df@mauiventure.net
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to HD2874 which freezes funding to the entities who have been the early adopters of broadband technologies, making the most with minimal resources, benefitting the whole community; and transfers this money to a public school system having a hard time with it's core mission.

This sends a very negative message to those innovating on the bleeding edge of our private non-profit public service sector: if you achieve success, the political state bureaucracy will take over your funding source. Given the history of attempts to thwart our public access media centers, this also appears as an effort to cut back free speech and further diminish the diversity of voices in our community and into an Orwellian "big brother" world.

Please do not pass this bill.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 2:22 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: aycockburr@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Virginia Aycock
Organization: Individual
E-mail: aycockburr@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Legislators, please know, you're elected to serve all the people of Hawaii, all variety and diversity and ages -- not just the one sector of education. This bill should not have gotten this far. Nor should Olelo have to fight year after year to maintain its valuable service to the community. With the current trend in TV news and "other" programming, surely Hawaii legislators should do all you can to protect the opportunity for freedom of speech and its broad and free dissemination. There's never been a time when this issue was more vital than today.

It will be a mark of "not listening" and/or being "out of touch" if you Hawaii legislators limit PEG Access and free speech, if you cut off future funds, you make it impossible for Olelo to serve all whom those funds are intended to serve in the future. Right results begin with getting our values straight. Put a high priority on Olelo funding. Support its growth. Do not disenfranchise the speaking and the hearing of Hawaii citizen voices. This is important. Value it. Highly. "To begin rightly is to end rightly," a wise leader once said.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 4:48 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: clampton@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Catherine Lampton
Organization: Individual
E-mail: clampton@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I am writing in STRONG OPPOSITION to Section 2 of HB2874 which we see as an attack on direct democracy that public access media provides. The information available through PEGS is not found in the mainstream press, and could not be made available without public access funds.

DCCA is responsible to protect the public interest. The PUBLIC rights-of-way the cable operator enjoys are public property and the government must ensure that the public interest is served. In other words, the government has a public trust obligation to the community.

Last session we were stunned when a legislator actually asked in this very committee, "What is the public benefit of democracy?" The public benefit is the public voice. We live in a representative democracy but that doesn't mean that direct democracy is silenced. It means that you, our elected representatives, represent the voice of the people. You don't make decisions in a vacuum - that is totalitarianism. You are elected to listen to the voice of the people you represent.

Given the present state of our society, however, it's no surprise that we find communications not at the heart of a vibrant democracy, but rather in the grip of an oppressive and contradictory system of mass control. Nowhere is this more evident than in the community struggle for access to the airwaves, and the corporate/government campaign to crush it. Nowhere have U.S. citizens lost greater control of its public sphere than in the government's management of the airwaves.

This bill is evidence of that loss and I am sorry that our representatives would even consider it.

This bill has a chilling effect on democracy and I respectfully ask you to delete Section 2.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 5:20 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: maukalani78@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: elaine funakoshi
Organization: Individual
E-mail: maukalani78@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members:

I oppose Section 2 of HB 2874·

Funds collected from cable subscribers for the purpose of supporting PEG Access should only be used for that purpose - community media. We would be limiting the voice of local expression if this Section is not removed.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my opposition to Section 2 of HB2874.

Mahalo and Aloha,
elaine funakoshi

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 7:37 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: Tree@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stephen Luksic
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Tree@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I am in opposition to HB2874. I do support the State's effort to develop fast, available and affordable broadband for all Hawaii residents by 2018, freezing the funds for already underfunded PEG Access stations is not the way to do it. Since PEG Access centers are truly the sole Community Anchor Institutions already set up to train residents in broadband adoption and community broadband access, it would be a huge mistake to divert funding away from these resources. Please vote no on this measure or add an amendment that will increase, not freeze PEG funding for purposes of broadband education.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 8:43 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: ronsan2224@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ronald Fujiyoshi
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ronsan2224@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I oppose section two of this bill which I interpret as attacking the right of the public to affordable community media!
Thank you for the opportunity to testify!

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 8:55 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: stevara@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Steve Arashiro
Organization: Individual
E-mail: stevara@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I'm Steve Arashiro, Co-Chair of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association's (HUOA) Video Production Committee.

The HUOA is an umbrella organization for 52 Okinawa clubs statewide and represents about 40,000 members. Our organization strives to foster the Okinawan ethnic identity to the descendants of the original immigrants who came from Okinawa to toil in our sugar cane and pineapple fields. The primary guiding philosophy of the HUOA is the commitment to preserving, promoting and perpetuating the Okinawan culture and arts and the history of Okinawans in Hawaii.

Since 1998 we have been utilizing the facilities of Olelo and its PEG access function to greatly enhance our organization's ability to share the Okinawan culture and heritage to not only its 40,000 members but also to the wider Oahu community through its weekly Hawaii Okinawa Today TV program.

We oppose H.B. No. 2874, Section 2 which places an unreasonable restriction of funding of current PEG Access recipients. This restriction will surely cause the demise of these organizations as inflation and labor costs escalate year after year.

We generally support the intent of Section 1 of this bill which proposes to provide Broadband access to public schools. And we are in favor of the funding of this proposal with State funds as specified in Section 201-d. This proposal should not be the responsibility of cable subscribers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2874.

Steve Arashiro

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 9:13 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: iiawah@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: daniel anthony
Organization: Individual
E-mail: iiawah@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

aloha respected community members,
By limiting PEG Access funding, the State will also be limiting the free expression of local voices Community participation and PEG Access programming continues to grow. With capped funding, 'Olelo will be hard pressed to meet the community's future communication needs. Funds are collected from cable subscribers for the purpose of supporting PEG Access and should only be used for that purpose Cable subscribers should not bear the burden for creating a Broadband initiative.
Make the right choice for the people,

Daniel Anthony

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 9:46 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: shaglund@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sue Haglund
Organization: Individual
E-mail: shaglund@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill. Section 2 of this measure is detrimental to PEG programming access statewide. The purpose of PEG programming is to empower and provide a public space for all communities in our diverse state of Hawaii. PEG programming is a place and space for community media to launch and inform the public on issues and activities statewide. To permanently cap funding to all community access centers at current levels takes away funds and public access to PEG programming from community media centers who serve ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS STATEWIDE including our elected officials who host their own programming shows to address and inform in a public space the ongoing activities in our communities. SECTION 2 of this measure limits access, limits growth, and limits the public in receiving vital information from public officials, community organizations, and cultural initiative projects conducted by all communities statewide. SECTION 2 of this measure permanently limits and hinders public access to participate in a public space via media pathways.

DCCA is in charge and accountable to protect the interest of the public. Therefore, the Public Rights-of-Way cable operators enjoy are the property of the public and our elected governmental body must ensure that Public interest is guarded and served.

I recommend FIN committee to OPPOSE this measure.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:20 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: evernw@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Evern Williams
Organization: Individual
E-mail: evernw@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose your attempt to limit and cripple PEG access in Hawaii.

Oceanic Time Warner makes huge profits from their Hawaii market. They use our public right of way for pennies on the dollar. Why can't you require them to also provide broadband at cost to the schools for this privilege? Require them contribute a % of their profits from their other services for the laptops.

Don't rob from one sector to serve another. Go to the source of funding and make them contribute more.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:26 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: mkwillia@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mark K Williams
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mkwillia@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I oppose HB 2874 as it is written. Make Oceanic Time Warner pay a percentage of their profits from their other services to pay for laptops in the schools. Make Oceanic provide broadband at cost for the privilege of using OUR PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY to make huge profits in Hawaii.

Taking funding away from PEG would not allow them to upgrade their facilities and continue to protect our right to free speech. There is money elsewhere. Go get it from there. Do not pass this bill as it is.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:38 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: mattrifkin28@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Matthew Rifkin
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mattrifkin28@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose Section 2, which would take money away from community media by funding school programs for computers and such.

The point of the cable fees is to allow local public access to information. This is especially important on an outer-island, as the major TV networks are almost exclusively on Oahu. Having funding for local programming and content is essential.

Do not restrict things by capping the amounts based on 2010 or 2011 figures...there will be inflation in the years ahead...you must allow the PEG Access funding to grow with increased revenues and costs.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:39 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: carolina@lava.net
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carolyn Hadfield
Organization: Individual
E-mail: carolina@lava.net
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Please reject HB 2874. I oppose the freeze to funding of community access centers to current levels. As the producer of an Olelo series I know that the current levels are insufficient to meet needs to modernize the system and expand access to a growing public that utilizes community access centers. Furthermore, I oppose any attempt to divert funds that will allow access to ALL SECTORS of the public to a state initiated project serving a single sector.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:44 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: worldcantwaithawaii@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: World Can't Wait Hawai'i
Organization:
E-mail: worldcantwaithawaii@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

If you support "free speech" in more than just words, you will reject HB 2874. World Can't Wait-Hawai'i's "Voices of Resistance," an Olelo series utilizing the Palolo Community Media Center is essential to having our voice heard in the community. While supporting broadband access for schools, monies that would otherwise be appropriated to provide access to all services to the public should not be diverted to a single sector. Take meaningful action to provide access for the public to voice their opinions.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:47 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kyle.kajihiro@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kyle Kajihiro
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kyle.kajihiro@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

While broadband for the schools is a good thing, it is wrong to cap PEG funding to create a broadband initiative. This is tantamount to raiding the future budget for PEG operations. The cable access stations provide valuable digital media support to public schools as well as serving the entire public. Funds are collected from cable subscribers for the purpose of supporting PEG Access and should only be used for that purpose. Thank you.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:01 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: karen@redwoodgames.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Karen Chun
Organization: Individual
E-mail: karen@redwoodgames.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Please don't pass this sneaky bill that in actuality HURTS public access TV and their funding.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:23 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: iliwai34@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael J.Duberstein
Organization: Akaku: Maui Community Television
E-mail: iliwai34@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Aloha Kakou

I'm contacting you as a member of the Executive Board of Akaku: Maui Community Television, one of the nation's most honored and highly regarded PEG (public-educational-governmental) systems.

I cannot emphasize how strongly I oppose HB2874. This is the third "sneaky" attempt to emasculate Akaku and our sister programs throughout the state.

Please understand that I DO NOT oppose expanded broadband efforts; Akaku is a leader in this area as a Community Anchor already working to do it.

I do OPPOSE freezing funds for already severely underfunded PEG programs; you CAN accomplish expanded broadband through many other avenues.

HB2874 is the absolutely wrong way to expand broadband.

Kill this bill now!

Or, if you MUST pass something this session, amend HB2874 by eliminating the references to Hawai'i's PEGs OR, if you must, increase PEG funds that will be used for broadband education. Mahalo and malama pono.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 1:13 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: hdoug@mac.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Hiroshi Matsuoka
Organization: Individual
E-mail: hdoug@mac.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 2874 Relating to Broadband.

Although I support public school computer and broadband initiatives, this method of paying for the broadband initiative does so by limiting funding to the community access centers that so many of us depend on. With an information infrastructure so overwhelmingly owned and controlled by large corporate interests, local community perspectives have no other presence than those provided by the community access centers.

Funding for the public access centers is crucial and must take precedence over even public school computer and broadband initiatives. In full realization of the budgetary limitations Hawaii faces, I still must oppose anything that would limit funding or community use of the public access centers. For these reasons, I strongly oppose HB 2874.

Hiroshi Matsuoka
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Apt 1101
Honolulu HI 96822

FINTestimony

From: Randy Mills [randomdevo@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 11:25 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

This is my testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to HB2874. Although I support the state effort to encourage fast, ubiquitous and affordable broadband for all Hawaii residents by 2018, freezing the funds for already underfunded PEG Access stations is not the way to do it. Since PEG Access centers are truly the sole Community Anchor Institutions already set up to train residents in broadband adoption and community broadband access, it would be a huge mistake to divert funding away from these resources. Please vote no on this measure or add an amendment that will increase, not freeze PEG funding for purposes of broadband education.

Sincerely,

Randy Mills
(808) 280-8541
1085A Piihola Rd.
Makawao, HI 96768

FINTestimony

From: Lou Diliberto [lou@maui.net]
sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 9:31 AM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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Mahalo,
Louis DiLiberto
574 Papau Hikina Place
Kihei, Hi. 96753

Sent from my iPad

FINTestimony

From: Jennifer Jensen [junglovn@maui.net]
sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:47 AM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

Dear sirs

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Jennifer Jensen
1436 w. Kuiaha rd
Haiku, HI. 96708

FINTestimony

From: Patty Stemmler [stemmler@maui.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:47 AM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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Mahalo,
Patty Stemmler

FINTestimony

From: Netra Halperin [netra@maui08.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:50 AM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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Netra Halperin
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FINTestimony

From: howard selnick [hselnick1@hotmail.com]
sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:52 AM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

This is my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2874. Although I support the state effort to encourage fast, ubiquitous and affordable broadband for all Hawaii residents by 2018, freezing the funds for already underfunded PEG Access stations is not the way to do it. Since PEG Access centers are truly the sole Community Anchor Institutions already set up to train residents in broadband adoption and community broadband access, it would be a huge mistake to divert funding away from these resources. Please vote no on this measure or add an amendment that will increase, not freeze PEG funding for purposes of broadband education. instead

FINTestimony

From: Randy Braa [handy@dpcnet.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:02 AM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

This is my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2874:

HB2874 is another backroom effort to try and kill Public Access TV and for Hawaii Public Television. Although I support the state effort to encourage fast, ubiquitous and affordable broadband for all Hawaii residents by 2018, freezing the funds for already underfunded PEG Access stations is not the way to do it. Since PEG Access centers are truly the sole Community Anchor Institutions already set up to train residents in broadband adoption and community broadband access, it would be a huge mistake to divert funding away from these resources. Please vote no on this measure or add an amendment that will increase, not freeze PEG funding for purposes of broadband education.

Sincerely,

Randy Braa
Kihei

FINTestimony

From: Ron Stebbins [sskeetman@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:24 AM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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Capt. Ronald "Skeeter" Stebbins II
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Sent from iPad

FINTestimony

From: michael dAddario [shivadario@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:17 AM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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FINTestimony

From: jonathan ross [jross036@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:29 AM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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FINTestimony

From: Rob Hilbun [robhilbun@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:52 AM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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FINTestimony

From: Evelyn Zayas [evelynz@gmail.com]
sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:03 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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FINTestimony

From: Bruce Regnier [simplyperfectsolutions@gmail.com]
sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:36 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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FINTestimony

From: Alberto Rojas [blueflame3@rocketmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:28 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

Im Alberto Rojas Jr..

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Sent from my iPhone 4

FINTestimony

From: Cheryl Ruane [sruane@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:41 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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FINTestimony

From: Jack Breen [jackbreen@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 1:05 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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John J. Breen
449 Kuikahi Drive
Wailuku, HI 96793
808-344-7191

FINTestimony

From: Trisha Anderson [emeraldmind@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 1:22 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 2:02 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: bsager42@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bill Sager
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bsager42@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to raiding the PEG Access Fund in order to build a ultra-high speed broad band capability for the State of Hawaii.

I am an Olelo volunteer producer of a show that discusses environmental issues. Mine is only one of the Olelo Ohana's many voices.

Olelo introduces young people to video production and give old codgers like me a voice in my community. Olelo has taught me and thousands of others to produce quality video.

While improved broad band capacity is important to keeping Hawaii competitive in the world, the development of broad band capability should not be done at the expense of public cable access for public, education and government (PEG) purposes.

PEG provides a voice for the public and video training for our young people throughout the state. It is an important and valuable mission. PEG access providers in Hawaii are providing some of the best services in the country.

PEG providers must keep up with rapidly changing technology. Reliable funding is provided by a small fee charged as part of my cable subscription and is dedicated to providing PEG access services.

Do not raid the PEG access fund. Do not limit PEG providers ability to serve the public.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 2:55 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: prentissc001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Charles Prentiss
Organization: Kailua Neighborhood Board
E-mail: prentissc001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:
This will have negative effect on Neighborhood Board OLELO Access.

FINTestimony

From: C.T. Ryder [earthfoundation.cf2@gmail.com] on behalf of C.T. Ryder [tiggerr1@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 3:47 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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Sincerely,

C.T. Ryder
1135 Makawao Avenue, #104
Makawao, HI 96768

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 4:00 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: ponosize@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Pono Kealoha
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ponosize@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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hawaiiankingdom.org

FINTestimony

From: Pauahi Hookano [pauahi.hookano@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 4:02 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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FINTestimony

From: Don Sheridan [dybbuk1937@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 1:42 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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FINTestimony

From: Toni Polancy [polancy@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 2:55 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

I used the teaching and the resources to create a video about Maui's homeless shelter which is a successful model for the nation. Without Akaku's lessons and help, I couldn't not have done it.

Please don't do anything to destroy or injure Akaku. It is a blessing to this community.

Antoinette Polancy
808-874-3536
Kihei, Maui

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FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 4:10 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: ivywest@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ivy
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ivywest@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Please do not pass this bill. Public access is the only avenue we have left free to create and submit TV show or programs or documentaries and so forth.

Please vote NO!

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 4:12 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: Genesis@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2874 on 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Genesis
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Genesis@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Please do not pass this bill. Public access is the only avenue we have left free to create and submit TV show or programs or documentaries and so forth.

Please vote NO!

FINTestimony

From: Chivo Ching-Johnson [chivocj@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 4:17 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

This is my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2874. Although I support the state effort to encourage fast, ubiquitous and affordable broadband for all Hawaii residents by 2018, freezing the funds for already underfunded PEG Access stations is not the way to do it. Since PEG Access centers are truly the sole Community Anchor Institutions already set up to train residents in broadband adoption and community broadband access, it would be a huge mistake to divert funding away from these resources. Please vote no on this measure or add an amendment that will increase, not freeze PEG funding for purposes of broadband education.

FINTestimony

From: Dr. Jeff and Sharyn Stone [dreamers@maui.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 7:14 PM
To: testimony@akaku.org
Subject: Vote NO on HB2874

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FINTestimony

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Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeff Sacher
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Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

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Testimony for FIN 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2874

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BROADBAND.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§201-_____ Broadband special fund. (a) There is
5 established in the state treasury the broadband special fund
6 into which shall be deposited:

7 (1) Moneys deposited pursuant to Act _____, Session Laws of
8 Hawaii 2012;

9 (2) Appropriations from the legislature;

10 (3) All accrued interest from the fund; and

11 (4) Contributions, grants, endowments, or gifts in cash
12 received by the fund.

13 (b) Moneys in the broadband special fund shall be expended
14 by the department of business, economic development, and tourism
15 for the purpose of supporting an initiative to provide:

16 (1) Broadband access to public schools; and

17 (2) The means necessary for technology-based learning in
18 public schools, including but not limited to the



1 provision of laptop computers to public school
2 students.

3 (c) The broadband special fund may receive contributions,
4 grants, endowments, or gifts in cash or otherwise from all
5 sources including corporations or other businesses, foundations,
6 government, individuals, and other interested parties.

7 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as a
8 condition of a gift to the broadband special fund, a donor may
9 specify a particular county in which the donor's gift shall be
10 used or expended for the purposes listed in subsection (b).

11 (d) The State may appropriate moneys to the special fund,
12 provided that any appropriations made by the State are not
13 intended to supplant the funding of any existing public school
14 program.

15 (e) All unexpended and unencumbered moneys remaining on
16 balance with the broadband special fund on June 30, 2017, shall
17 lapse to the credit of the state general fund."

18 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
19 beginning January 1, 2013, and in each year thereafter, all
20 recipients of moneys appropriated from fees collected pursuant
21 to chapter 440G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall receive no more
22 in annual appropriations than the lesser of:



1 (1) The amount that the recipient received in 2011 that
2 was calculated based upon revenue generated by a cable
3 operator in 2010; or

4 (2) The amount that the recipient would otherwise be
5 calculated to receive in that current year based upon
6 revenue generated by a cable operator in the previous
7 year.

8 (b) Notwithstanding sections 26-9(o) and 440G-15, Hawaii
9 Revised Statutes, and any other law to the contrary, the
10 director of commerce and consumer affairs shall deposit the
11 difference between the amounts calculated each year pursuant to
12 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) into the broadband
13 special fund established pursuant to section 201- , Hawaii
14 Revised Statutes.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012, and
17 shall be repealed on June 30, 2017.

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INTRODUCED BY:

Calvin K. Y. Ng

JAN 25 2012



H.B. NO. 2874

Report Title:

Broadband; Cable Television Systems; Special Fund

Description:

Creates broadband special fund to support funding public school broadband and laptop initiatives. Beginning 01/01/13, freezes appropriations of moneys derived from cable fees at the lesser of the 2011 appropriation or the amount that a recipient would otherwise receive in the current year. Requires excess moneys to be deposited into the broadband special fund. Effective 07/01/12 and repealed 06/30/17.

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