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**TESTIMONY ON S.B. No. 1161, S.D. 1 -- RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS MCKELVEY, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEES:

My name is Glen Chock, and I am the Acting Cable Television Administrator, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the "**Department**"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the intent of S.B. 1161, S.D. 1.

Under Act 199, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2010, the Department's Cable Television Division ("**CATV**") was required to convene a work group to discuss and develop procedures to streamline the State and County permitting process for broadband services. By inviting private wired and wireless broadband providers to share their experiences, the work group gained an overview appreciation of the many permitting and approval obstacles at the State and County levels that impede the expeditious deployment of broadband infrastructure. The work group then turned more specifically to the challenges faced by telecommunications providers when they attempt to attach new fiber cables to existing utility poles.

On March 4, 2011, the Department reconvened a meeting of the permitting work group to discuss S.B. 1161. Attendees at the meeting included Hawaiian Electric, University of Hawai'i, Oceanic Time Warner, Hawaiian Telecom, tw telecom, County of Maui, City and County of Honolulu, DOT and DLNR. Various issues were discussed including possible revisions to S.B.1161. The Department offered to coordinate any

such revisions into a new draft but has not received any proposed revisions from the participants at this time.

The Department plans to convene future meetings to continue the discussion on issues impacting pole attachments and exemptions from permitting requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on S.B. No. 1161, S.D.  
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