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TESTIMONY OF
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND LABOR
February 17, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

S.B. 2737

RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2737.

The Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT) supports and recommends passage of S.B. 2737.

The proposed measure allows members of state and county boards and commissions to attend meetings via use of interactive conference technology, which is in alignment with the information technology (IT) strategic plan currently under development. Leveraging existing and emerging technologies will encourage citizen engagement, promote government transparency, and increase efficiencies.

Board member participation via video or teleconferencing will help ease quorum requirements, reduce travel expenses and potentially allow for a larger diversity of members from across the state as travel requirements can be reduced or eliminated.

Allowing the public to join members at any location where interactive technology is available will also promote public participation as they may be located closer to where they work or reside.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Written Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND LABOR**
Friday, February 17, 2012
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LATE TESTIMONY

In consideration of
SB 2737 RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) supports SB 2737 with requested amendments. SB 2737 allows board members to phone in to a board meeting held by teleconference provided that visual aids are provided beforehand and available to all participants in the meeting. Teleconference will make board meetings more economical, easier to convene, and likely increase participation.

The requested amendment is to remove from page (2) lines (16), (17), and (18) and revise lines (21) and (22) to read “and indicates the location(s) that members of the public may join board members.” The purpose for the requested change is to allow board members to participate from locations such as their office or home without making these locations available and open to the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.