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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2011

Date: March 30, 2011  
Time: 3:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON S.B. No. 583, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 - RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION  
SYSTEMS**

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

My name is Everett Kaneshige and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the "**Department**"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 583, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

The Department recognizes the importance of PEG access to democracy and the exchange of ideas and the opportunity for the public to share their ideas, using a media that would be otherwise cost-prohibitive for most people.

Therefore, the Department supports an exemption from HRS chapter 103 for the designation of access organizations for public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access channels as described in lines 4-10 on page 1 of the bill. The Department's position is consistent with its previous requests to the State Procurement Office in 2005 and 2006 for a similar exemption and also the recommendations of the H.C.R. 358 Task Force Report to the 25th Legislature on December 16, 2008.<sup>1</sup>

The remainder of the bill addresses the procedure to be used by the Department in conjunction with designation of the PEG access organizations. The Department

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<sup>1</sup> Recommendation #1 of the H.C.R. 358 Task Force Report to the 25th Legislature states, "The Legislature should exempt the designation of PEG access organizations from the provisions of the State Procurement Code."

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points out that these procedures are already contained in section 16-131-70 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules and therefore it is not necessary to add similar provisions to HRS chapter 440G.

If, however, this Committee decides to pass out this measure and include provisions on the designation procedure, the Department has concerns with the language in S.B. 583, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 and suggests technical amendments and clarifications be made so that the bill's provisions conform to existing statutory provisions and include proper technology. For the convenience of the Committee, the Department is attaching a proposed H.D. 2 for its consideration. The Department would be happy to work with the Chair and his staff on the proposed amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on S.B. 583, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.



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TESTIMONY  
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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON  
FINANCE

March 30, 2011

3:00 PM

SB 583, SD1, HD1

RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS.

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 583, SD1, HD1.

The State Procurement Office (SPO) opposes the amendment in SECTION 1 which proposes to exempt from HRS chapter 103D the designation of access organization for public, educational, or governmental access channels.

As historical background on this issue, in 2007 Maui Circuit Court ordered the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to adopt a rule specifying method, factors and criteria used to designate and select a PEG access organization. Subsequently DCCA initiated rulemaking process, held public hearings in Sept 2008, and HAR §16-131-70 became effective Dec. 2008. DCCA amended its Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) chapter 131, Subchapter 16 on *Access Organizations* for §16-131-70, *Designation and selection of access organizations*, that states in part, "...director shall comply with the applicable provisions of chapter 103D, HRS, when designating and selecting an access organization to oversee the development, operation, supervision, management, production, or broadcasting of programs on PEG channels obtained under chapter 440G, HRS."

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There is currently a solicitation through the request for proposal (RFP) process. RFP-10-007-SW is for the services to *Operate, Maintain, and Manage Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access Channels, Funds, Facilities, and Equipment*, and generally contains the items listed in the proposed bill for the director to consider such as the public need for the proposed services, qualifications and financial responsibility of the applicant, etc. Copies of the solicitation and amendments will be provided upon request.

Public procurement's primary objective is to give everyone equal opportunity to compete for Government contracts; to prevent favoritism, collusion or fraud in awarding of contracts. Meeting this objective requires a single set of statutes and rules that define and mandate the use of selection processes that are competitive, efficient, fair, transparent, open and impartial.

The Code should not be viewed as an obstacle to a purchasing agency's mission, but rather as the single source of public procurement policy to be applied equally and uniformly.

There are several vendors who have indicated interest in submitting proposals for this solicitation. If the Legislature intends to exempt this specific program from the Code, the exemption should include assurances that the agency's exempt process includes fair and open competition, disclosure, transparency, due process for aggrieved parties, a defined selection and awards process, and the various elements contained in the Code to ensure public confidence that this special exempt procurement process is fair.

There is no compelling reason to exempt the procurement of contracts to manage and operate PEG access channels, funds, facilities and equipment from fair, transparent and open competition. We request that SECTION 1 be deleted. Thank you.

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March 29, 2011

TO: The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa  
Council Member

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 30, 2011; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 583 S.D. 1,  
H.D. 1, RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure allows the director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to designate an access organization to oversee public, educational and governmental channels on cable television.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. This bill creates the space for the community's voice to be heard as part of the Director's criteria for selection. This is especially vital in challenging economic times.
2. PEG (Public, Education, Government) access is a vital part of a thriving democracy. It provides access to information that is, in some cases available nowhere else. Access to current information is even more important for Hawai'i, as many of our communities are separated by ocean.
3. Many people feel left out of the mainstream media. The community's voice is often relegated to a 30 second sound bit, if anything at all. Public access/community media provides a venue for the discussion of issues important to the community. This education encourages participation in the democratic process.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday March 30, 2011

Room 308

3:00 p.m.

**SB 583 SD1, HD1 - STRONG SUPPORT for PEG Access**

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony>

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

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative working on prison reform and justice issues in Hawai`i for more than a decade. We respectfully offer our testimony always being mindful that Hawai`i has some 6,000 people behind bars with almost 1,800 individuals serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, their ancestral lands.

I am also the producer and host of *Hawai`i InJustice*, an `Olelo community television show that airs the first Tuesday of every month at 8:30 pm and every Thursday morning at 8 am on Channel 54.

SB 583 SD1, HD1 allows the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to designate an access organization to oversee public, educational and governmental channels on cable television.

Noam Chomsky wrote:

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

Community Alliance on Prisons stands in strong support of this measure that preserves the community voice and clarifies Chapter 440G, outlining the criteria the Director must consider before letting a contract from PEG access.

This bill is important because it creates the space for the community's voice to be heard as part of the Director's criteria for selection. This is especially vital in challenging economic times. We the people must always be vigilant that the government doesn't corporatize public assets. These assets are known as The Commons.

PEG (Public, Education, Government) access is a vital part of a thriving democracy. It provides access to information that is, in some cases available nowhere else. Access to current information is even more important for Hawai`i, as many of our communities are separated by ocean. Access to technology facilitating information to connect our islands is not yesterday's luxury - it is today's necessity. Last week's tsunami and the resulting tragedy in Japan serves as a reminder to us all of the importance of communications.

This bill ensures that the public has a voice in keeping public access, well, public! Public access (and we mean PEG access) is

- a public right
- direct democracy in action
- a way to create a more informed citizenry
- a way to build strong, involved, and committed communities
- a window for policymakers to see, hear and understand issues important to their constituents

When we say public access is a public right, we mean just that. This is the rent Time Warner Oceanic pays for the use of public space - and it is indeed low rent considering the corporate benefit cable television operators reap from the use of our public rights-of-way .

*A vibrant democracy demands participation*

Many people feel left out of the mainstream media. The community's voice is often relegated to a 30 second sound bite, if anything at all. Public access/community media provides a venue for the discussion of issues important to the community. This education encourages participation in the democratic process.

*Public access/Community media is vital in Hawai'i because we are a multi-cultural society*

We have many immigrants who come to Hawai'i and desperately want to connect with what is going on, but find it very difficult to do because of language and cultural barriers. Mainstream media does not do much to help these folks fit in.

*Freedom of speech is a vital component of democracy*

The Constitution has been under siege, and one of the most important freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights is freedom of speech. Public Access/Community media provides an uncensored venue for our community to learn about issues, to find ways to participate in their communities, and to be more active contributors in shaping Hawai'i's future. Public access promotes the first amendment!

*Community media increases civic literacy*

Hawai'i has pitiful voting numbers. We rank at the bottom for voter participation. It is obvious from our dismal voting numbers that people feel disenfranchised and separated from the government. Yet we are the government. Public access/Community media brings issues to the people and calls for their participation. In election cycles, the community can tune in and hear from candidates running for office. This creates a more engaged and educated voter.

Keep Public Access PUBLIC! We support this measure that ensures the public will have a voice in the PEG process that is made clearer with the amendment to Chapter 440G.

A vibrant democracy demands an involved citizenry and every effort to educate and involve the citizens on important issues should be wholeheartedly supported by our government.

**Preserving, enhancing, and amplifying the public, educational, and governmental voices is what *We the People* means!**

Mahalo for this chance to share our thoughts.

**ADA**

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March 28, 2011

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

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

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 583 SD1 HD1 RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION  
SYSTEMS

Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii supports this bill because it offers a method of selecting PEG access providers that takes into account a wider variety of public interests and needs that does the standard procurement procedure.

Public access cable TV gives members of the public a way to air their concerns and interests, in addition to providing access to the political process and to educational programming. In an era of increasing media consolidation, it is important that public access channels continue to be guided by public interest. We believe that SB 583 provides a process that appropriately allows for greater public input and consideration in selecting the providers. We urge your support for the bill.



March 30, 2011

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The Honorable Marcus Oshiro  
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Committee on Finance (FIN)  
Hawaii State House of Representatives  
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 306  
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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the FIN Committee;

**Subject: Letter in Strong Support of SB583 SD1 HD1 Relating to Cable Television Systems.**

My name is Roy Amemiya, Chief Operating Officer and Interim President/CEO of 'Ōlelo Community Media, the PEG Access Provider for Oahu. I am writing to strongly support SB583 SD1 HD1 Relating to Cable Television Systems in its present form. This bill would change the State's procurement process of PEG Access service providers by designating a new process within HRS 440G that is modeled after the process used to procure cable franchises.

The House companion bill, HB112, which this committee passed with an HD1, has not yet been scheduled for public hearing in the Senate. For the record, SB583 was the first to cross over and we would like it to be the vehicle for this proposed legislation. Accordingly, we ask your favorable consideration in again moving this measure forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am pleased to answer any questions that you may have.

Aloha,



Roy K. Amemiya, Jr.  
Interim President/CEO

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** JASON SCHWARTZ [dreamriche@gmail.com]  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** in support of SB583

Aloha,

I am in support of SB583

Please know that the freedoms we enjoy are at issue here. Restriction and constriction of our freedoms by non-local financially driven decisions can be crippling to the health of our Maui Nui.

Jason Schwartz

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Testimony, **SB583**  
**HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**March 30, 2011**

**3:00 PM**

SUPPORT

Aloha **HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

I support **SB583**. I so appreciate Akaku and all that it offers to our community. I have taken classes at their facility and am very grateful that we have a public access station that serves our island, allowing all voices who wish to be heard an outlet. This keeps me informed and empowers my ability to express to my Ohana.

Please support this Bill.

Courtney Bruch, B.F.A., L.M.T.  
Kipahulu, HI

**House Finance Committee**

**March 30, 2011, 3:00 pm**

**Bill Number: SB583**

**Testimony in Support**

My name is Richard L. Hanson. I am a resident of Maui County and I am submitting my testimony in support of SB583. I believe the measures provided by SB583 will assist us in maintaining a valuable asset for the citizens of Maui and the rest of the State of Hawaii. Freedom of speech and expression is not something that should be placed on the auction block or sent out for competitive bid. It is a right to be held in trust by those in our community and the public interest is best served by provisions in SB583. I strongly support SB583 and I am asking that you support SB583 to help us insure that our community media continue to serve the needs of the citizens of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Hanson

Makawao, Maui, Hawaii

Aloha Kakou

My name is Michael J. Duberstein. I live at 34 Iliwai Loop in Kihei on Maui. I have served as a Board Member of Akaku: Maui Community Television since 2008 and since 2009 served as the organization's Treasurer. In addition, I attended and participated in a number of meetings of the Task Force created by the Legislature to investigate the RFP option and other choices available to the state.

I strongly support SB583. You should, too.

Not only does SB583 establish a rational system for overseeing our state's impressive community access media programs, but it also will be a precedent-setter for other state legislatures.

I know how highly esteemed Akaku is seen by other community access systems throughout the nation. Passage of SB583 will assure that Akaku—and the other Hawai'i community access programs—will be able to carry out and expand our commitments to free speech and media education.

Mahalo, aloha and malama pono

## **FINTestimony**

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### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 3:00 PM Room 308

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB583 – Relating to Cable Television Systems

My name is Jay April. I am President and CEO of Akaku: Maui Community Television and a member of the HCR 358 Legislative Task Force.

SB 583 is intended to provide strong accountability and performance standards for Akaku, Maui County's Akaku Community Television, as well as, the community-based public access television providers serving Oahu, Olelo Community Television, the Big Island, Na Leo O Hawaii and Kauai, Hoike Community Television. These community-anchor non-profit public access organizations have been a vibrant part of our public discourse and civic engagement throughout the state for more than twenty years and this bill will ensure that they continue to be fully accountable and responsive to the needs of those respective local communities, the DCCA and the state.

The content of this bill incorporates draft rules from your 2008 HCR 358 Legislative Task Force which recommended that this reasonable method of PEG Access designation be used in lieu of a fatally flawed state procurement process initiated six years ago by the previous Administration. This ongoing RFP process has cost the PEG Access organizations and the state many thousands of dollars. It is time that this misguided effort be put aside in favor of a superior method of PEG designation that more accurately reflects the founding principles intended by the framers of the original federal and state legislation

Recommendation 3 of the HCR 358 Task Force Report states:

*"The Task Force recommends that in place of competitive procurement, the DCCA be charged with adopting Administrative Rules that guide a new process for the designation of a PEG Access organizations in a manner that is similar to the process used by DCCA for cable franchises, a process that is already well understood by the DCCA and the public, This process should provide ample opportunity for input by the public on each island within the local franchise area and allow for interested parties to intervene*

SB 583 provides for a regulatory framework that will silence even the harshest critic of the current PEG access designation. We would like to respectfully request that your committee approve SB 583 unamended, which will grant Akaku and the other community media organizations a sense of certainty they have earned from decades of dedicated community service. This will allow

these community-based organizations to continue to expand and build upon their only mission - to provide extended media opportunity and a vibrant voice for all the people of Hawaii Nei.

would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to testify before you today.



**STATE OF HAWAII- HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Senator Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
Senator Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair

Wednesday, March 29, 2011 3:00 PM Room 308

Testimony **IN STRONG SUPPORT** of SB583 – Relating to Cable Television Systems

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and Members of the Finance Committee

My name is Linda Ruth Puppolo. I am a resident of Maui County and I offer my testimony in **strong support** of SB583.

The first point of this bill is that it allows for the Director of the DCCA to have the power to designate PEG access providers in Hawaii and oversee the development, operations, management, production & broadcasting of the service exempting providers from 103D (basically procurement of the lowest bidder).

The knowledge gained from eighteen years of the development of strategic nonprofit & County Government partnerships, ensuring the availability of video equipment and experience in training the community in video literacy is the cornerstone of Akaku's (Maui County's PEG Access provider) commitment to the community. This knowledge and the social capital that has been realized over the years are irreplaceable.

In serving as a communication network with a vision to promote free speech and expression through access to communications technology, resources and training, Akaku facilitates the dissemination of information that is relevant to the community with an emphasis in preserving the host culture's traditions, rights and practices to enable the culture to be archived for the benefit of the residents of Maui County.

Akaku has recently been awarded a Federal \$132,000 Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Grant to service the rural communities in Maui County. This 2 ½ year grant gives opportunity to youth and young adults to learn, master and possibly create careers in the field of technology. Despite the five years of instability created by the RFP process that the state has tried to impose, Akaku has continually rallied by producing cutting-edge programs that have raised the level of PEG access services. This bill would provide the stability that PEG needs to grow and expand.

While the bill is intended to provide strong accountability and performance standards, it is important to note that each PEG Access Media Center in Hawaii provides the state with a comprehensive independent audit and comprehensive operational plan & annual report each year always exhibiting a level of strong accountability and high performance standards.

It is also important to note that there have been no complaints about Akaku services from the residents of Maui County and that when the DCCA conducted a site visit for potential bidders for the RFP; only the DCCA attended. The previous meeting the DCCA conducted had over 150 people in attendance to discuss rule changes with 75 people testifying in support of Akaku services and one person opposed. It is pretty clear that the residents of Maui County value and want Akaku to be the service provider of PEG Access Services. Please pass SB583 and help us stabilize the economic base of an excellent nonprofit during these times of dwindling donations and competitive grant funding. An RFP would disrupt an essential service that is performing well.

The time is now and thank you so very much for this time to testify. I am available to answer any questions that you might have by email or phone.

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**Comments:**

Akaku Maui community access television is an invaluable resource on Maui, giving residents the opportunity to speak out on topics they find important.

## **FINTestimony**

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**RE:** House Finance Committee  
Bill SB 583  
Hearing date March 30, 2011 at 3:00pm

My name is Cynthia Clark, President of Chameleon Talent Agency on Maui.  
Consider this my testimony IN SUPPORT of Bill SB 583.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia

Cynthia Clark  
President

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**Comments:**

My name is Tina Lia. I am a resident of Maui County and a Producer Representative on the Board of Directors for Akaku: Maui Community Television. I am testifying in support of SB583.

This bill will establish accountability standards for Hawai'i's community television stations which will ensure that our non-profit public access organizations are meeting the needs of the public, educational sector, and government. In addition, SB583 will provide rules for PEG Access designation which will put an end to the state procurement process. The current RFP process has drained significant resources from our public access stations and our government funds through six years of litigation. This RFP process is fundamentally wrong and detrimental to the future of free speech in our state.

Hawai'i's public access stations are the voice of our community. The public depends on these stations as a forum for freedom of speech and an outlet for sharing information through creative, educational programming. I ask that you support SB583 and provide our community television organizations with the stability of a strong, fair regulatory process.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** Roseline Frye [hwntutu50@yahoo.com]  
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## Akaku is our public television station in Maui..... Bill number: SB583

Aloha To All....

I live on Maui, in Kahului & am a disabled person. I can not go to far from my home because, for one the bus stop is too far for me to get to. Most of the time I am home & many times I'm home by myself. Once in a while I do go out with the help from my husband who is my caregiver. My only real friend's are the television & my computer. Many times I love & enjoy Akaku Television, because of the many information I can get of what is going on around Maui, & many events that is happening around our Island. With out Akaku, I wouldn't be able to follow the action of our Council Member's & what topic they are sharing in regards to Maui County. With out Akaku, I wouldn't be able to see the many events around the island of Maui, to where I am unable to go to. Such as the sports activities they have around our island. Even if it is one week later or so, I still have fun watching Akaku for those sport event. Watching the High School football game right down to the final game of the year, is exciting because I am unable to attend, because I have to use a Wheelchair to go places due to my Respiratory problems, I do have asthma, a bad back & bum knee that prevents me to go places unless someone helps me with my wheelchair. We do call para-transit to pick us up, but still it is not the same.

So Please, I urge you to KEEP AKAKU TELEVISION STATIONS HERE ON MAUI. We really need that Stations...PLEASE, I BEG YOU TO KEEP AKAKU...A PLACE WHERE WE CAN VOICE OUR CONCERN'S WHEN NEEDED, A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN BROADCAST LOCAL SPORTS FROM MAUI COUNTY, A STATION WHERE WE CAN LISTEN TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

KEEP AKAKU ON MAUI....PLEASE....PLEASE....PLEASE...

MUCH MAHALO,  
From one who loves that station & disabled,  
Mrs. Roseline Frye & my Ohana.....

## FINTestimony

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From: Matthew Griffin [matt@akaku.org]  
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 5:43 PM  
To: FINTestimony  
Subject: PUBLIC TESTIMONY

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Matthew Griffin, I currently work for Akaku as a Media Access Coordinator.

I would like to show my testimony in support of bill SB583 going ahead of the House Finance Committee. March 30th 2011, At 3:00Pm

I feel this bill is imperative to the existence of not only public access stations in Maui but throughout the entire state of Hawaii.

Again, BILL NUMBER: B583 TESTIMONY: IN SUPPORT OF SB583 in front of the house finance committee

Aloha,  
Matthew Griffin  
Media Access Coordinator  
Akaku: Maui Community Television  
[Http://www.akaku.org](http://www.akaku.org)



## FINTestimony

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**From:** dee@akaku.org  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:50 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** PUBLIC TESTIMONY

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Dee Perreira, I currently work for Akaku as a Media Access Coordinator.

I would like to show my testimony in support of bill SB583 going ahead of the House Finance Committee. March 30th 2011, At 3:00Pm

I feel this bill is imperative to the existence of not only public access stations in Maui but throughout the entire state of Hawaii.

Again, BILL NUMBER: B583 TESTIMONY: IN SUPPORT OF SB583 in front of the house finance committee

Dee Perreira  
Media Access Coordinator  
Akaku: Maui Community Television

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 12:05 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** mmmmahalo2000@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mike Moran  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mmmmahalo2000@aol.com](mailto:mmmmahalo2000@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
Please pass this bill to support Maui's Akaku Community TV.  
Mahalo,  
Mike Moran      Kihei

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:27 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** stevefreid@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Steve Freid  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [stevefreid@yahoo.com](mailto:stevefreid@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
It's VERY important that Akaku remains a local media resource!!!

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** C.T. Ryder [earthfoundation.ct2@gmail.com] on behalf of C.T. Ryder [tiggerr1@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 3:05 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** SB 583--TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

### **SB 583 -- TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT**

This Testimony is from: C.T. Ryder, President, Earth Foundation  
Committee Name: **HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Date and Time of Hearing: March 30, 2011 at 3:00 pm  
Bill number: **SB 583**

Aloha House Finance Committee,

My name is C.T. Ryder and I am President of Earth Foundation, a nonprofit media specialist organization in Hawaii, the U.S., and Japan.

For many years Maui's outstanding public access television station **AKAKU Maui Community Television** has been providing very special public television programming to Maui. We want to see that continue. AKAKU is solid and dependable and is loved on Maui. AKAKU'S CEO Jay April has faithfully and dependably built this station into what is nationally considered one of the finest public access television stations in the entire United States. It would be a huge mistake and totally unwarranted to put the station into other hands. It would be entirely wrong to put Maui's cherished Community TV Station out to bid to unknown, non-local or even mainland bidders. It would take away the refreshing voice that AKAKU adds to the Maui community. AKAKU needs to remain a local media resource accountable first and foremost to the people of Maui Nui.

AKAKU faithfully and dependably broadcasts television programming created by the community for the community. People on Maui, Moloka'i, and Lana'i are given training in superior television production and broadcasting skills. With those new skills these community members create their own television shows. These programs are seen and heard by fellow community members. This empowers the spirit of Maui County and gives it a real television voice that people look forward to. AKAKU must be kept strong and cherished for the incredibly fine, treasured resource of quality community television that it is.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share this information with you.

Aloha,

C.T. Ryder  
President  
Earth Foundation  
Website: [www.EF123.org](http://www.EF123.org)

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** Daniel Grantham [dannygr@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:52 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT of SB 583

Aloha,

I am Daniel Grantham, 20 year Maui resident, small business owner. Currently serving on board of Maui Sierra Club and Haiku Community Association.

This testimony is for the HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE for hearing: March 30, 2011 at 3:00 PM

I am writing in support of SB 583 and Akaku Community Television. The main concern I have with our public access facility here is the effort over the last several years to strip it of funding and autonomy. Akaku has worked very hard to fulfill its mission, often in the face of powerful resistance from those who would seek to control that mission.

Free speech that is controlled from the outside is not free. Please defend our right to free speech by supporting SB 583.

Thank you

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** John Carty - Save Honolua [john@savehonolua.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 3:13 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT of SB583

**John Carty**  
**HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**March 30, 2011 at 3:00 PM**  
**Bill number: SB583**  
***TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT***

I am testifying in support of sb583. There needs to be protection for independent media and free speech.  
Mahalo, John Carty

John Carty  
[john@savehonolua.org](mailto:john@savehonolua.org)  
[www.SaveHonolua.org](http://www.SaveHonolua.org)  
808-276-8733

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 3:38 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** dotaloha@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: dot  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dotaloha@yahoo.com](mailto:dotaloha@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
please pass this bill

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** brozena001@hawaii.rr.com  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 4:03 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support

my name: Aliaska Brozen  
House Finance Committee  
3/30/11 @ 3 PM  
Bill# SB583  
Testimony in SUPPORT



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 6:05 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** lightninglon101@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lon Briggs  
Organization: A Vessel of Mercy  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lightninglon101@yahoo.com](mailto:lightninglon101@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** Grant Fletcher [gf.fletchco@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 6:25 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** support of bill sb583

my name is grant fletcher 5-5895 kuhuio hwy hanalei.....this area must be  
preserves for the keke..simple as that ....do thr right thing...aloha

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** Patricia Hoskin [pattylou9@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:06 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** SB583

Hello My name is Patricia Hoskin. I live in Kihei, Maui. I am in support of SB 583. I hope you consider all people when making your decision. We need public television.  
Thank You,  
Patricia Hoskin

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** ui powers [desertginger@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:00 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT SB 583

TO: HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: Marilyn Powers  
11 Mahaolu St.  
Kahului, HI 96732

Hearing: 3-30-2011

Bill number: SB 583

As a long time citizen of Maui, I have appreciated Akaku all this time. It informs me about the people, events and issues here on Maui, and elsewhere, that I would not know about without Akaku being locally owned and run. It is service oriented and committed to the people of Maui. It demonstrates free speech, and what is more important than that? PLEASE SUPPORT SB 583.

Thank you for listening.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** Steve Goldstein [yale1961@me.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:16 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** AKAKU

SB

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am a retired VP of Marketing from Levi's. We have been living in Kula for 12 years and rely on AKAKU as our prime local media resource. Keep this wonderful community institution alive and well on behalf of all people of Maui. And in the hands and hearts of the people of Maui. Mahalo nui loa,  
Steve and Fran Goldstein  
Kula

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** Denise LaBarre [mauiotter@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 8:47 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** I support bill #SB583

I support Bill SB583.

I want Akaku to remain as Maui's free speech venue.

I don't watch a lot of TV but I believe we need media that are not controlled by corporate and political agendas.

Many thanks for counting me among supporters of the bill.

Sincerely,  
Denise La Bare

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** Kachina Palencia [kachina@mauigateway.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:26 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** SB583

Pam Palencia, Choir Director, Unity of Maui  
HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Hearing 3/3/11 at 3pm  
SB583

Testimony: AKAKU serves Hawaii well with information that we would not know about without it.  
It serves us culturally, educationally, and entertainingly.  
Please support it. Mahalo, Pam Palencia

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:50 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jsb@courtyardmaui.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: joan selix berman  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jsb@courtyardmaui.com](mailto:jsb@courtyardmaui.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I am writing to request your support of SB 583 to protect AKAKU . Thank you for protecting our right to free speech and local access.

Sincerely,  
joan selix berman  
kula, hawai'i



## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** Jay Carty [jay@jaycarty.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:58 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Support Bill number: SB583

### **HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**WE support AKAKU. Please support Bill #SB583**

**Jay and Mary Carty  
Full Time Residents and Maui Taxpayers**

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:38 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Tree@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stephen Luksic  
Organization: Kihei Canoe Club  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Tree@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Tree@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha,

I am president of Kihei Canoe Club on Maui. I represent about 350 members. We are currently working on grants that will require a stable community access organization. This bill will achieve that. Kihei Canoe Club and Akaku: Maui Community Television are developing training programs for members and combining media education with Hawaiian cultural activities in our youth program. In order to move forward with funding for our endeavors, community public access needs to be supported by our representatives.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** Kapaku@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 6:07 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** from kahu david kapaku

To the House Finance Committee -for the hearing scheduled on March 30, 2011 concerning Bill SB 583

My name is Kahu David Kapaku, former President of Save Honolua Coalition on Maui. I am in support of the Akaku Access Television station on Maui. This station provides access to the community's voice. Supporting Akaku also supports the community.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** Donald Brown [corporatcrimeofthecentury@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 6:49 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Shawn Michael; Pete Sullivan; dk dk  
**Subject:** akaku to the rescue

Dear Sirs,

Below is an arguement that should not be taking place in the USA. The constant need to protect Genuine Free Speech from corporate/political hack attack is unacceptable. Please keep your word & put some security in our highly valued community Akaku Television station for all & for time.

Donald Brown aka Federal Reserve  
Haiku  
Free Hawaii  
PO Box 1132 96708

**enough already.**

For whatever reason—money, control, spitefulness—powerful players in the public and private sector seem dedicated to stamping out public television in Hawaii (and across the country). Maui's Akaku has fought off various legal and legislative challenges and now two companion bills—SB583 and HB112—could finally give the station a sense of security. The bills would establish a new state organization to oversee PEG (public, educational, governmental) channels, which up until now have been under the thumb of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Will It Pass?

At a press conference last year, then-candidate Abercrombie—along with a number of other heavyweights including Senate President Shan Tsutsui, who co-introduced SB583—expressed support for Akaku. The station—and PEG programming in general—still have influential enemies. But, for the first time in a while, their friends might be stronger.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** paralegal@pacific-ocean.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:47 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** ahahoona@gmail.com; kinailehua@gmail.com; jcarson808@gmail.com;  
danar.m.gibson@gmail.com; corporatecrimeofthecentury@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Akaku Community Television

ALOHA:

This transmittal shall serve as Testimony in Support of SB 583, and as your information relevant to the proceedings on approving this Bill and in securing the contained measures.

### **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 583:**

**To: HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

My name is Mahealani Ventura and I am competent to testify before these proceedings in re: SB 583, I am a producer and contributor to Akaku Community Television in all of its aspects, presently and for several years.

I hereby urge your Committee to pass this bill as it speaks to providing measures that will ensure our community services are protected in law as it should be. It is my personal message that I add here, that passing this bill may lead to finally securing and protecting all of our community free speech media and our fundamental rights to express our collective or individual thought forms.

Thank you in advance for your approval,

In Re:

Date & time of hearing: March 30, 2011 at 3:00 PM

Bill number: **SB583**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT**

me ka oia io,

Mahealani Ventura  
private and confidential.

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## FINTestimony

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**From:** benjamin@phi-tek.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:53 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** AkaKu Television

from : Benjamin Jaymz Hubbard , founder of Phi-Tek LLC. ,

to : HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

about : Bill number: SB583

heard : March 30, 2011 at 3:00 PM

I am writing to declare my support for State Bill SB583 .  
Aka'ku Television is singly Instrumental to the Education of the Public Mind and directly reflects the tenets declared by the Founders of the United States in/by the Proclamation of the First Amendment of the Constitution , which Expressly guarantees Free Speech !

To not pass SB583 would be to directly violate the Right of Free Speech as declared by Constitutional Law .

to allow Private control of the Aka'ku would be limit the ability of the Public to directly share it's Voice to it's own community , thereby denying eh public it's First Amendment's Right .

I'm sure that after Re-reading the First Amendment you will come to the the same conclusion , unless of course money has become greater than Law , which would mean the People have no real Sovereignty anymore . Isn't that what the Founders fought against the British Crown ?

May God Bless US ALL during these Times , as again I declare my support for Aka'ku Public Television by supporting SB583.

Thank You , God Bless ,

Benjamin Jaymz Hubbard

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** Jette Slater [jette@vcasa.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:44 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** . TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT SB583

Aloha –

**HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**March 30, 2011 at 3:00 PM**

As a long term residence of Maui, I strongly support community – everything that makes community stronger. Therefore I urge powers in State decisions making to NOT let Akaku here on Maui go to bids – please !!! let **Akaku remain a local media resource accountable first and foremost to the people of Maui Nui!**

**Mahalo for please doing the right thing.**

**Mrs.Jette Slater,**

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:10 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** kcssmail@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Karen Stange  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kcssmail@yahoo.com](mailto:kcssmail@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
I support SB583.



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:34 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** stuart@IsseiProductions.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stuart Hirotsu  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [stuart@IsseiProductions.com](mailto:stuart@IsseiProductions.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** Lance [holter@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:38 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** SB583- IN SUPPORT-FIN March 30, 2011, 3:00 PM

**Importance:** High

My name is Lance Holter, I am chairman of the Maui Democratic party. We are in support of SB583 and Public Access Television.

Best regards,  
Lance Holter  
PO Box 790656  
Paia, Maui  
96779  
Tel 808-579-9442

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:59 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** sayble@akaku.org  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sayble Bissen  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sayble@akaku.org](mailto:sayble@akaku.org)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Sayble, I currently work for Akaku as an Educational Assistant.

I would like to show my testimony in support of bill SB583 going ahead of the House Finance Committee. March 30th 2011, At 3:00Pm

I feel this bill is imperative to the existence of not only public access stations in Maui but throughout the entire state of Hawaii.

Again, BILL NUMBER: B583 TESTIMONY: IN SUPPORT OF SB583 in front of the house finance committee

Sayble Bissen  
Educational Assistant  
Akaku: Maui Community Television

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:01 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** sullivan@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Peter Sullivan  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sullivan@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:sullivan@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Thank you for allowing me to express my support for this bill using the power of the Hawaii State Legislature Website. Akaku helps my fellow community members air their voices through the power of Public Access Television.

Respectfully,  
Peter Sullivan  
Pukalani, HI

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:01 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** duberstem001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jeanne Alexander  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [duberstem001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:duberstem001@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**  
I strongly support SB 583 and urge you to pass it.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** Randy Mills [randy@akaku.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:20 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** In Support of SB583

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Randy Mills, I currently work for Akaku as Project YBEAM Director.

I would like to show my testimony in support of bill SB583 going ahead of the House Finance Committee. March 30th 2011, At 3:00Pm

I feel this bill is imperative to the existence of not only public access stations in Maui but throughout the entire state of Hawaii.

Again, BILL NUMBER: SB583 TESTIMONY: IN SUPPORT OF SB583 in front of the house finance committee

Randy Mills  
Project YBEAM Director  
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## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:24 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** artmusicvideomaui@mac.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kenny Hultquist  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [artmusicvideomaui@mac.com](mailto:artmusicvideomaui@mac.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Because of their help and support, Akaku has taught me how to shoot and edit video. I have produced over 150 programs that have been aired on Akaku in the past 8 years, most of them Maui Planning Commission meetings. This allows the general public to see what development is being planned on Maui. Once this bill becomes law, it will finally protect Akaku from the state's attempt to put our Community TV station out to bid to unknown, non-local or even mainland bidders. It will spell defeat for enemies of diversity and free speech and make sure that Akaku remains a local media resource accountable first and foremost to the people of Maui Nui!

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** Kinailehua [kinailehua@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 2:22 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Re: Akaku Community Television

ALOHA:

This transmittal shall serve as Testimony in Support of SB 583, and as your information relevant to the proceedings on approving this Bill and in securing the contained measures.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 583:

To: HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

My name is Piliialoha Teves and I am competent to testify before these proceedings in re: SB 583, I am a producer and contributor to Akaku Community Television in all of its aspects, presently and for several years. I hereby urge your Committee to pass this bill as it speaks to providing measures that will ensure our community services are protected in law as it should be. It is my personal message that I add here, that passing this bill may lead to finally securing and protecting all of our community free speech media and our fundamental rights to express our collective or individual thought forms.

Thank you in advance for your approval,

In Re:

Date & time of hearing: March 30, 2011 at 3:00 PM  
Bill number: SB583  
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 4:22 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** pittsr002@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ronald D. Pitts  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [pittsr002@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:pittsr002@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Akaku should NOT be allowed to continue by passing the 'out for bid' process in place. The in place process could be amended to provide a longer period of years between the bid process. However, bottom line, I believe the present Akaku is attempting to gain further control to no positive end, other than to continue their corrupt self serving means.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** L. David Whitmire [ldwhitmire@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 4:16 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY TO HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN FAVOR of Bill SB583

David Whitmire citizen and Save Honolua Coalition member.  
Committee name: HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
March 30, 2011 at 3:00 PM  
Bill number: **SB583**

**Dear Members:**

**I am writing in support and encouragement for you to vote in favor of Bill SB583. Please keep diversity and free speech alive and make sure that Akaku remains a local media resource accountable first and foremost to the people of Maui Nui! Community T.V is the lifeblood for citizens to learn and be made aware of community issues. We must protect Akaku from the state's attempt to put our Community TV station out to bid to unknown, non-local or even mainland bidders. Please vote in favor of SB583!**

Mahalo,

David Whitmire

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** Quinn Schumacher [quinnschumacher@hotmail.com]  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:35 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Honolua Bay

**To Whom it May Concern,**

**My name is Quinn Schumacher, and I am an operational manager for a major healthcare company. I am responding to the HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE for the March 30, 2011 hearing at 3:00 PM. This is in regards to bill number SB583, and my testimony is in support.**

**Thanks,  
Quinn  
quinnschumacher@hotmail.com  
615.500.8523**

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 7:55 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** duberstem001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB583 on 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 3:00:00 PM SB583

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jeanne Mosley  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
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E-mail: [duberstem001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:duberstem001@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments:

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** marksheehan8@gmail.com on behalf of Mark Sheehan [mark@marksheehan.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 8:41 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** SB583

Dear Legislators,

We have the greatest community TV anywhere!  
Top leadership, producers, programming, community  
involvement.  
Please don't mess it up by putting it out to auction.  
It ain't broken, so don't fix it.

Mahalo,

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