

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 369

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Technology and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 369 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require both chambers of the legislature to implement rules to permit residents to present testimony through audiovisual technology; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to establish audiovisual technology throughout the State to enable neighbor island residents to present oral testimony at legislative committee hearings.

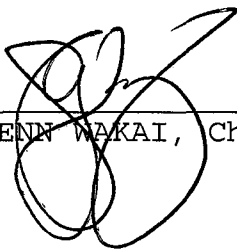
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Hawaii County Council, Hawaii Shores Community Association, Green Color Technologies, and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that the utilization of audiovisual technology promotes equal access and invites greater participation in the legislative process, which is the cornerstone of democracy. Additionally, the use of videoconferencing saves Hawaii residents on neighbor islands time and money because they incur significant costs to travel to Honolulu to provide testimony in person.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Technology and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 369 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Technology and the
Arts,




GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Technology and the Arts
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 369	TEC, WAM	2/12/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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