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Hearing Date: February 21, 2012, Thursday
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Place: Conferene Room 308, State Capitol

Agenda Item: HB358, HD1, Relating to Video Conferencing

Maui County Councilmember Stacy Crivello is in SUPPORT of Council Chair Gladys Baisa testimony that was submitted, in support of the measure.

Thank you.

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Testimony to Support HB 358, Relating to Video Conferencing

Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH, BS

President Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association

February 20, 2013

Dear Esteemed members of the House Finance Committee,

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association would like to applaud the efforts of the legislature to embrace technology in order to encourage and engage neighbor island residents in the legislative process.

As an association leader representing members throughout the state, I believe it is crucial for each of our members to have the opportunity to be a part of the process, in person, should they so choose. For this to happen, we believe that utilizing technology currently available on most neighbor islands to increase public access to the legislative process is vital and would encourage citizen participation statewide.

As a state with citizens spread out over several islands, allowing neighbor island citizens to present testimony through audiovisual technology certainly seems to be a more cost-effective alternative than traveling to Honolulu in order to present testimony in person.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB358.

Country Talk Story

“Promoting public dialogue without fear or favor.”

We heartily & unequivocally SUPPORT HB358

It's about time we focus on more convenient avenues to participate in the political and governance process. It has been Oahucentric for too long!

We have personally witnessed the burden and hardships that our neighbor islanders have to go through. Their desire to participate requires significant time, money and efforts. It's very easy to spend \$300 a pop for such exercise that includes airfare, rental car, lodging, taking time off from occupation, and so forth.

We've also witnessed cases where hearings are postponed on the spot. This left the participating citizen in a bad situation.

We further ask for this bill to be amended to include those of us in Oahu, who have to travel long distance to the Capitol. We would also like to ask for more efficient opportunities to testify. Similarly, there is no reason why a handicap person living anywhere could not be afforded alternatives to testify. Skype could be an avenue.

Personally, it takes me about three hours round trip to get to the capitol to testify. When a bill is postponed to another date; we are not happy campers.

With today's technology, we have no excuse not to provide more convenient alternatives to participate in democracy.

Mahalo,

**Choon James
Kahuku, Hawaii 96813
ChoonJamesHawa**

Reference:

“§21- Videoconferencing; rules. Each chamber of the legislature shall establish, by rule, procedures to enable the legislature to receive live oral testimony from neighbor island residents at legislative committee hearings through the use of audio or audiovisual technology. Each chamber of the legislature shall seek out executive agency sites or facilities which have existing audio and audiovisual capabilities that could be used to allow neighbor island residents to present live testimony from the neighbor islands.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hank Fergstrom	Na Kupuna Moku O Keawe	Support	No

Comments: This is a very important bill that would allow us, on the outer islands to participate in the laws that will effect all of us in Hawaii. We feel that currently we are left out of the process and feel discriminated against. Oahu people are not the only people who want to participate in the legislative process. Further, we feel that our efforts of writing or even online testimonies do not get equivalent attention as those who can afford to travel to Honolulu to testify or that Oahu residents. We urge this body to hear the voices of the people....we are all in Hawaii..and we all care about the laws that govern us.

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Elijah Frank	Ohana O Kaua'i	Support	No

Comments: I cannot afford to fly to Oahu to give testimony. This would greatly enhance the democratic process for those who live on an outer island. Thank you Elijah Frank Kaua'i

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Barbara B. Polk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge you to pass this bill, which will make it easier for neighbor island residents to take part in the political process. I have heard this urgent request from neighbor island friends over the past several years. Now we have technology that can make it possible.

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Bianca Isaki	Individual	Support	No

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Janice Hill	Individual	Support	No

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Stacie Koanui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I agree with this bill that neighbor islanders should be able to present live testimony via the necessary technology to do so without the need to travel off-island.

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John Ornellas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, As a resident of the Island of Lanai it is not easy to testify on issues that pertain to Lanai or Maui County. Please allow us to testify in a this manner to hear what the neighbor islands are thinking. Mahalo

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PF BENTLEY	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of this bill. It's just common sense that the population from outer islands should be able to testify. This will increase participation in the legislative process. It costs hundreds of dollars for just a one day trip to Honolulu.

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Stephanie Simpson	Individual	Support	No

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JW Nalda	Individual	Support	No

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Carol Philips	Individual	Support	No

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Carol Hinton	Individual	Support	No

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James McPherson	Individual	Support	No

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Keri Zacher	Individual	Support	No

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Roxanne	Individual	Support	No

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Mel	Individual	Support	No

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Catherine Davenport	Individual	Support	No

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Marjorie Ziegler		Support	No

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sherri mora	Individual	Support	No

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FAIRFAX REILLY	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HB358 HD1 SUPPORT Residents of Lana'i will be able to testify on issues important to them without bearing the cost of flying to Honolulu. Thank you.

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Mary Tyson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Outer islands need video support due to cost prohibition.

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Brian Lehmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee members: as a resident of a neighbor island, I strongly support video-conferencing capability for providing oral testimonies to HI state legislative hearings from neighbor islands, such as already is in place within the County of Hawaii. Please also appropriate the necessary funding. Thank you

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Victoria Cannon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass HB 358. Video conferencing for the outer islands is critical to allow8ing the people to have their voices heard. Victoria Cannon

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Sherry McNutt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Those of us on outer islands cannot possibly travel to all the sessions necessary to be active citizens. Teleconferencing is easy to do, inexpensive, and a great way to engage the public. I am surprised that it has not already been instituted.

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Kimberly Masse	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Sally Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I write in support of HB358, HD1. The cost of personally attending hearings on issues of vital importance to Neighbor Islanders is prohibitive; this effectively disenfranchises much of the electorate. The last visit by Lana`i voters to the Capitol to engage Legislators cost over \$2,000 in airfare alone. Given the schedule of hearings (early or late in the day), hotel and ground transportation often adds significantly to that, and we simply cannot afford it. Unlike Kauai or the Big Island, none of our Representatives or Senators actually live on island, which translates into little to no communication with our elected officials. Quite often we on Lana`i and Moloka`i are told: "we are all in one canoe" as an attempt to garner support for various O`ahu-driven initiatives. The fact is, we are a multiple-island state and i can't get in my car and drive to a hearing that is considering an issue that impacts me and my fellow Lana`i residents. It's way past time that the state avails itself of technological means to reach out to the outer islands. Maui County officials instituted such a program for the District Offices and it's working extremely well. Would suggest you consider instituting this for North Shore O`ahu and other far-flung constituents as well. I strongly urge you to pass this bill.

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Thomas Travis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Neighbor Islands need a stronger presence in the legislature, especially during the legislative session. Participative democracy is strong in Hawaii and this Bill would only serve to strengthen it more. Please pass this bill.

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Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Lana'i residents often are unable to afford the very expensive costs of personally testifying to bills in the legislature. Recently, eleven Lana'i residents, including two students, came over to testify to the legislature and the cost was over \$2,000. For one individual to testify often must pay for a hotel (given the limited flight schedules) and airfare, making it an extremely prohibitive process. This bill will eliminate that cost, thereby increasing the ability of Lana'i residents to participate in a system that currently excludes them. Please pass this bill and fund it appropriately.

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Felicia Cowden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for this bill. It is so important to allow the neighbor islands to testify with the passion that comes with a voice and visuals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support urgent passage of this bill so more people across islands can be able to voice their concerns and issues.

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Emiko Okawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to see what's going on Statewide study.

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Nancy Ravelo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: An idea whose time as come a government for the people by the people. Mahalo by trusted lawmakers

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Ed Wagner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill should include Oahu so residents don't have to spend time driving to the Capitol and feeding parking meters. Residents living leeward, windward, and North Shore could participate without the long drive into town. What does 21-1 have to do with the intent of this bill for video conferencing? It appears to be the tactic used by Congress to sneak in amendments that have nothing to do with the intent of the original bill and which the public might not support. Either introduce a new bill or wait until next year to do so! Personally, I consider the tactic to be unethical and shows lack of transparency of government.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Juanita Hulu	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: HB358 will allow residents from outer islands to participate more in testimony concerning their islands and be involved in island civic matters.

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Carol Ah Toong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is essential for neighbor island residents to participate in the legislative process without the expense of traveling to Honolulu to testify. this is long overdue.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Davianna McGregor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Kakou. I support HB358D1 to enable neighbor island residents to fully participate in the democratic process which is now centered on Oahu. mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Bond	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a very important piece of legislation. It's time that politics in Hawaii become more open and transparent, and being able to submit testimony from our own islands is essential.

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Elaine Callinan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I follow Akaku public TV regularly. However, I'm unable to participate because I live on Moloka'i and I can't afford to fly to legislative hearings. I believe this bill would permit me to participate from Moloka'i.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janeel Hew	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Greetings and Thank you for the proposal of this HB 358. My name is Janeel Hew and I support HB358. With our state's unique county/district geology the ability to participate in Legislative hearings would be a valuable tool. Please accept HB 358. Thank you in advance. Janeel Hew

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Shirley J. Alapa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In order for the residents of Molokai to testify on bills related to us, we have to fly to Oahu. The cost is prohibitive thereby limiting our right to give our input. I support this bill in order for us to give testimony as stated in the bill. Thank you for your attention.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peggy Lucas Bond	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is time to make all Hawaiian residents equal in the legislative process. It has been shown the written testimony rarely has the same import as a person appearance at the legislature. For those who do not live on Oahu, a person appearance is expensive and often impossible because of airline ticket unavailability. Video conferencing would give all an equal footing. Mahalo, Peggy Lucas Bond

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SUE HORNER	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It's imperative that HB358 be passed! Our State is challenged with geographical factors ... which makes video-conferencing a necessity for the islands'voices my be heard! Mahalo

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cheryl corbiell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Videoconferencing; rules. Each chamber of the legislature shall establish, by rule, procedures to enable the legislature to receive live oral testimony from neighbor island residents at legislative committee hearings through the use of audio or audiovisual technology. Each chamber of the legislature shall seek out executive agency sites or facilities which have existing audio and audiovisual capabilities that could be used to allow neighbor island residents to present live testimony from the neighbor islands." For an island state, it is important that all taxpayers and voters have economical access to provide testimony versus "flying" to Honolulu. This setup with make the islands more inclusive versus Oahu centric or is the plan to exclude outer islands?

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Alan T Murakami	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please make testifying to the Legislature as simple and economically feasible as possible. With broadband internet service, there should be no reason not to make some form of video conferencing possible so neighbor islanders need not fly to Honolulu to present testimony. The technology is now so common, the State should clearly make this service available. Please make Hawai'i part of the 21st Century by making accessible forms of video conferencing available so anyone can use it to present their views to legislators on legislation pending before them.

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Aloha Chairwoman Luke and Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing in support of HB358, HD1. This bill could be the solution to a huge problem: outer island disenfranchisement.

Because of the high cost of airfare and lodging, it's a major undertaking to visit our Capitol. Our own last visit from Molokai involved only 4 people for one day, but it cost over a thousand dollars. The truth is that most of us simply can't afford to follow legislation, even when it impacts our island. The only alternative is for Representatives and Senators to travel back and forth to their districts. But this is also difficult, especially during session.

In the case of Molokai and Lanai, we almost never see our representatives, session or not. Even worse, we are out of the legislative loop. This leaves us reacting to decisions rather than participating in them, which, in turn, reinforces the unfair stereotypes of outer islanders as spoiled naysayers, and Capitol "insiders" as self-centered elitists.

With this technology everyone will have the opportunity to participate in the whole political process. Live oral testimony could help level the playing field and give voice to the voiceless. It could also help Oahu officials stay in touch with their constituents. Most important of all, it could help alert legislators to hidden, hurried or misleading bill language they do not really intend to support, perhaps eliminating embarrassments like the PLDC.

This is one technical innovation that could strengthen democracy.

I strongly urge you to pass this bill.

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Beverly Frederick	Individual	Support	No

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To The Finance Committee,
HB358 would increase the democratic process many-fold. At \$250. a ticket, many people cannot afford to be part of the legislative process, which is our right and our responsibility. Please endorse this extremely worthwhile bill.
Much Aloha,
Jahnava Baldassarre
12-4295 Kapiolani Street
Pahoa 96778

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james trujillo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: mahalo for hearing this bill. i urge you to pass HB 358 so that neighbor island residents will have greater access to the legislative process. hb 358 has the potential to empower residents of the state to engage with their legislators and the decision making process. mahalo for considering this testimony in favor HB 358. i hope it passes and will be heard by the senate in march. with respect and aloha, j trujillo po box 33 kapaa, hi

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Pohakamalamalama Palmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I live on Molokai. Do you have any idea the cost of transportation inter-island by air? Mahalo for your service. Aloha Pumehana,

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"Glenn"	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a life-long Hilo resident, I would like to testify before State Legislature. (Emphasis Added)

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Toni Worst Schattauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I think video testimony on legislation from neighbor islands would be a positive step forward to non-O'ahu citizens becoming more actively involved in the legislative process. Please pass this legislation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faith Chase	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. I live in an extremely rural area, this bill is essential for me to be a participating citizen in important issues that affect me. Thank you for listening to those you serve. Seriously, Faith Chase

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Diane Brucato-Thomas, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of HB358. I have been active in the legislative process by providing testimonies for hearings since the 1990's. While email testimony has made life much easier, it is hard to include intonations in the written word. Because I live on Hawaii Island, it is difficult to drop everything to fly at a moment's notice to testify, not to mention the financial burden of such. Providing the ability to testify live by video, will increase the quality of testimony and allow legislators to ask testifiers questions for clarification. This will greatly enhance the legislative process. Please pass HB358

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Clarence Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: While the present system based on emailing in of testimony is good, it isn't quite an acceptable substitute for an "in your face" testimony rendering. With the high cost to testify in person in Honolulu, this bill offers the "next best" situation. Of course, maintaining the present email system, along with the pluses that this bill renders, will probably offer the best solution for all situations. Thank you.

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joy cash	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Do the right thing for the people of Hawaii, not corporate interests. Simple enough.

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Elizabeth Hooker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish to view notice

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Jason M Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 358. There are many people, like myself, that would like to attend legislative meetings but due to the geography of Hawaii, it is not only cost prohibitive but also time prohibitive. It is each Hawaiian's right to be able to attend any and all govt functions and if it is impossible for the citizens, then the state must make accommodations to fulfill this right. Please support HB 358 Thank you, Jason M Blair

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

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Laura Mallery-Sayre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Since the cost of inter-island travel has become so prohibitive, this measure will enable a more democratic approach to representation by all of Hawaii's citizens and should be supported.

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Caki Kennedy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Neighbor island residents pay taxes and need to have their voices heard.

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