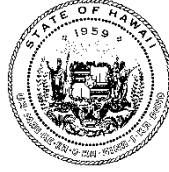


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WRITTEN COMMENTS
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DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
WAYS AND MEANS
ON
March 25, 2013
H.B. 358, H.D. 1

RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING

Chair Ige and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on H.B. 358, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the intent of H.B. 358, H.D. 1 and will work with the State Legislature and other interested parties to establish audiovisual technology throughout the State to enable neighbor island residents to present oral testimony at legislative committee hearings.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on this matter.



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March 25, 2013

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill 358, HD1 – Relating to Videoconferencing

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) takes no position on House Bill 358, HD1 – Relating to Videoconferencing. This bill requires both chambers of the Legislature to implement rules to enable the Legislature to receive live oral testimony from the neighbor islands through audio or audiovisual technology. Requires each chamber to seek out agency sites that have audio or audiovisual capability that could be used for live testimony. Appropriates funds to establish audiovisual systems throughout the State.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the requirement under Title II is for State government to provide effective communication to programs and services for individuals with disabilities. The program or service involved here is for the Legislature to receive live audio or audiovisual testimony from the neighbor islands. Examples of effective communication could be:

- American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters;
- Captioning (open or closed) for the audiovisual portions so the Deaf person has access to what other testifiers are saying; or
- Copies of the testimony from other testifiers prior to the beginning of the hearing in order for the Deaf person to have an opportunity to understand testimony offered by others.

Our office is available to provide technical assistance to ensure access for individuals with disabilities utilizing material format. If neighbor island residents are able to present live oral testimony, the option must also be included for people who are Deaf and hard of hearing. Please consider added funding may need to be included to cover the cost of providing ASL interpreters and/or captioning.

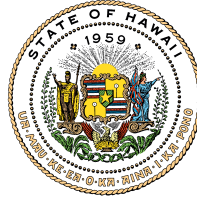
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG
Chairperson

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TESTIMONY OF
SANJEEV "SONNY" BHAGOWALIA, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Monday, March 25, 2013
9:15 a.m.
Conference Room 211
State Capitol

H.B. 358, H.D.1

RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 358, H.D. 1.

The Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT) applauds the efforts of the legislature to embrace technology in order to encourage and engage neighbor island residents in the legislative process and therefore strongly supports the intent H.B. 358, H.D. 1. OIMT provides the following comments for consideration.

As identified in the Business and Information Technology/Information Resource Management (IT/IRM) Transformation Plan, OIMT will also be using technology to increase and encourage citizen participation with State government. It is OIMT's understanding that pilot videoconferencing projects are being conducted with select committees in the Legislature, including the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts, and that this bill would expand the videoconferencing capabilities additional committees in both the House and Senate.

The Legislature should consider various options to encourage and facilitate live oral testimony from the neighbor islands, as well rural Oahu. While this measure requires each chamber of the Legislature to seek out State agencies sites with existing audio and audiovisual capabilities, OIMT would like to note that any increase in the use of these facilities would have an impact the State's network infrastructure. Additionally, there may be more cost-effective, citizen-centric technology solutions, such as Skype, that could be leveraged by individuals from their home or office computer. Regardless of the technology solution(s) employed, they must all be supported by the State's network infrastructure, which is overseen by the Chief Information Officer (CIO).

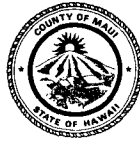
As such, we recommend that the CIO spearhead this effort in working with the legislature, the Department of Accounting and General Services, and other stakeholders to ensure that the potential audiovisual and videoconference technology solutions meet the technical requirements of the State's network, adhere to best practices, interface or are compatible with multiple platforms, and are provided the appropriate support resources. Additionally, we request that the appropriation be expended by the Chief Information Officer to reflect this responsibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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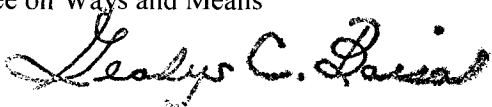


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March 22, 2013

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa 
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 25, 2013; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 358, HD1,
RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to require both chambers of the Legislature to implement rules to enable the Legislature to receive live oral testimony from the neighbor islands through audio or audiovisual technology.

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

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Section 3-5.5 of the Maui County Charter was amended during the November 2012 election to require the Maui County Council to provide interactive communications access for the residents of Hana, Lanai, and Molokai so that they could participate more fully in all County Council and Council Committee meetings. While this has not been achieved without dedication of resources, our experience has shown that such an option has increased participation in the legislative process.
2. The bill before your committee seeks to expand access to the State Legislature for neighbor islanders, and would do so by providing an alternative to the only cost prohibitive option now available, flying to the State Capitol to testify.
3. I strongly encourage you to pass this measure as an important first step that would both appropriate funds to establish audiovisual systems throughout the State and require each chamber to seek out agency sites that have audio or audiovisual capability that could be used for live testimony.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.



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HB358

Submitted on: 3/24/2013

Testimony for WAM on Mar 25, 2013 09:15AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Us citizens who do not live on O'ahu need a means to address our support, opposition and grievances orally and directly to our elected representatives without the unneeded expense of time and money to come to O'ahu

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Brad Parsons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Waste of money. Mahalo.

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Caroline avery	Individual	Support	No

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Courtney	Individual	Support	No

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Deborah Imonti	Individual	Support	No

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janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

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Julia Horn	Individual	Support	No

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Katherine Dassis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would very much like to be involved with the testimonies on Oahu via audio and audiovisual technology from the County of Hawaii!

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Lisa Andrews	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Live testimony from islands other than Oahu using technology that has been around for a long time, is long overdue. We should be able to testify from our computers, but this will do for now. It is imperative that this is passed without a glitch or hesitation. Mahalo

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Margaret Zerbe	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

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sherrian witt	Individual	Support	No

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Toni Withington	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a good bill. Please support it. We need more opportunity for neighbor island voters to have a say in hearings

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