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TESTIMONY OF
SANJEEV "SONNY" BHAGOWALIA, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY

Thursday, February 14, 2013
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325
State Capitol

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

H.B. 358

RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 358. My name is Sanjeev "Sonny" Bhagowalia, Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the State of Hawaii.

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. 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 and that this bill would expand the videoconferencing capabilities to all committees in both the House and Senate. OIMT should note that any technology selected by the legislature would need to be supported by the State's network infrastructure, which will be overseen by the CIO.

As such, we recommend that 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, the appropriation should be expended by the CIO to reflect this responsibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING

Chair Rhoads and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 358.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the intent of H.B. 358 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 testify on this matter.



House Judiciary Committee
Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Sharon har

Thursday 02/14/13 at 02:00PM in Room 325
HB358– Relating to Videoconferencing

TESTIMONY

Carmille Lim, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Dear Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Sharon Har, and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB358. This bill would require both chambers of the Legislature to permit neighbor island residents to present testimony through audiovisual technology.

We believe that harnessing available technology to increase public access is vital to encouraging citizen participation in the legislative process.

As a state with citizens spread out over eight islands, allowing neighbor island citizens to present testimony through audiovisual technology would certainly be a far more convenient and cost-effective alternative to flying in to Honolulu to present testimony.

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

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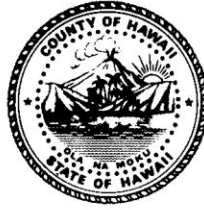
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Brian Lehmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To the JUD committee: this bill is long overdue. Residents of neighbor islands should be enjoying this capability already. The County of Hawaii provides such technology from various locations. The State of Hawaii should do no less. Please expedite passage of this bill.

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February 12, 2013

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Re: **Testimony on HB358 Relating to Videoconferencing**
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 14, 2013; 2:00 p.m.; Conf. Rm 325

Dear Committee and Representatives Rhoads & Har:

On behalf of myself and my constituents of Council District 8, North Kona, I would like to support the above referenced bill, and I hereby submit a brief testimony as follows:

I agree that it would be in the best interest of our citizens that both chambers of the legislature should implement rules to permit residents to present testimony through audiovisual technology, and to appropriate funds to establish audiovisual systems throughout the State.

Therefore, I strongly urge the enactment of HB358.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Eoff".

KAREN EOFF, Vice Chair,
Council District 8, North Kona

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Steve Holmes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Great open government bill that supports outer islanders. Long overdue.

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