

HB 358, HD1

Testimony

Measure Title: RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING.

Report Title: Audiovisual Technology; Videoconferencing; Legislative Hearings; Testimony; Teleconferencing; Neighbor Islands (\$)

Description: 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. (HB358 HD1)

Companion: [SB369](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: TEC, WAM

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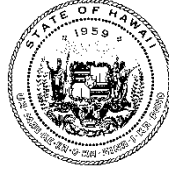
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Dean Seki	Department of Accounting and General Services	Support	Yes

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TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
ON
March 19, 2013
H.B. 358, H.D. 1

RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING

Chair Wakai and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify 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 testify on this matter.

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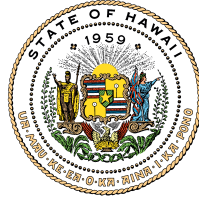
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TESTIMONY OF
SANJEEV "SONNY" BHAGOWALIA, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

Tuesday, March 19, 2013
1:25 p.m.
Conference Room 414
State Capitol

H.B. 358, H.D. 1

RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara, 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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carmille Lim	Common Cause Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara

Tuesday 03/19/13 at 01:25PM in Room 414
HB358 HD1– Relating to Videoconferencing

TESTIMONY

Carmille Lim, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Dear Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts:

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB358 HD1. This bill would require both chambers of the Legislature to permit neighbor island residents to present live oral 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 live oral 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 HD1.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hawaiian Shores Community Assn	Hawaiian Shores Community Assn	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Chair and Members, We appreciate that you have scheduled this measure for hearing. We already submitting a supporting testimony on this bill when heard previously. We very much support providing ways for outer island residents to have a direct voice in the legislature. Dave Johnson, Vice President of the Board on behalf of the Hawaiian Shores Community Assn

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Gladys Coelho Baisa	Individual	Support	No

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March 12, 2013

TO: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa 
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 19, 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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Lehmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Travel to Honolulu from neighboring islands whenever one wishes to give oral testimony to the Legislature can become quite problematic. Therefore, even as the County of Hawaii accomodates the receiving of oral testimony from various locations on that island, the State of Hawaii should provide no less. Please pass this bill.

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TROY ABRAHAM	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support funds to get public involved in creating history for hawaii and beyond

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Elaine D.	Individual	Support	No

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support!

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janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i ask that you strongly support this measure which would help promote democratic process in our state. Mahalo.

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