

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [TECTestimony](#)
Cc: zkern@co.hawaii.hi.us
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB358 on Mar 19, 2013 13:25PM
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 9:37:59 AM
Attachments: [HB358.doc](#)

LA 12

HB358

Submitted on: 3/19/2013

Testimony for TEC on Mar 19, 2013 13:25PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Zendo Kern	Hawaii County Council District 5 Representative	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

Zendo Kern
Council Member
Council District 5



Phone: (808) 961-8263
Fax: (808) 961-8912
Email: zkern@co.hawaii.hi.us

Mailing Address:
Hawai'i County Building
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Planning Committee Chair

Environmental Management
Committee Chair

Hawai'i County Council
County of Hawai'i

LATE

March 19, 2013

Senator Glen Wakai Chair,
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara and
Members of the Technology and Arts Committee

Aloha Senators,

I am writing today in strong support of HB358 establishing video conferencing sites on neighbor islands to allow residents to present live testimony from remote locations state wide.

Being a Hawai'i County Council representative I can tell you first hand that this capability is not only efficient and cost effective, it is also greatly appreciated by the public at large. In Hawai'i County we currently have remote videoconferencing sites in Puna, Ka'ū and Waimea as well as permanent sites in the Council Chambers in East and West Hawai'i. Our remote sites are regularly used by the public to participate in and to view all of our Committee and Council meetings.

Our videoconferencing equipment is also used for trainings and workshops for government agencies and employees saving countless hours of travel time and increasing participation by individuals that would otherwise have not been able to make it.

I look forward to the implementation of this measure and thank you all for providing this important service.

Mahalo