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Monday, February 25, 2013 2:05 p.m. Conference Room 308 State Capitol

H.B. 632, H.D. 2

RELATING TO OPEN DATA

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testimony in support of H.B. 632, H.D. 2.

Since becoming the State's first full-time CIO, Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT) has developed and openly published a comprehensive Business and Information Technology/Information Resource Management (IT/IRM) Transformation Plan that provides the roadmap for modernizing the State's technology infrastructure and streamlining its business processes. One of the top 10 initiatives outlined in the Transformation Plan is Open Government.

OIMT supports making government more open and transparent. Open data builds trust among citizens by making government more transparent with the sharing of information. Open data also encourages innovation with developers as they create applications from the information available to address specific needs of the community, whether it is a constituent tracking the spending of candidates or parents looking for the nearest playground or park for their keiki or anything in between. Most importantly, open data encourages citizen participation and engagement with their government. The State provides a wealth of information and data that we are making more accessible and interactive through our open data portal at www.data.hawaii.gov, which has been federated with groundbreaking federal open data site www.data.gov. The open data portal is one example of how the State is proactively aggregating

disparate data and information to make it more accessible and user-friendly. With support from the Governor, OIMT launched its Open Data Initiative on June 26, 2012 asking all departments and attached agencies to contribute datasets to the open data portal and to name Open Data Coordinators to work with OIMT to further build out the information offered to the public.

OIMT has worked with the Office of Information Practices and Open Data Hawaii, LLC to address their concerns in previous versions of this measure, which are now reflected in H.B. 632, H.D. 2.

In closing, OIMT supports H.B 632, H.D. 2 and respectfully asks the committee to act favorably on this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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Date: February 25, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 632, H.D. 2

Relating to Open Data

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill. The Office of Information Practices (OIP) generally supports the bill as amended in House Draft 2, and asks that the blank appropriation for OIP be filled in with an amount sufficient to support an additional full-time position.

OIP is a strong supporter of efforts by the Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT) and the private sector to place public data onto the state's centralized website at data.hawaii.gov, where it can be open and available to all members of the public to view, visualize, analyze, and perhaps help government come up with new ideas and solutions. OIP has been helping state and county agencies to adopt open data practices and has been training them to post data onto data.hawaii.gov.

OIP is charged by the UIPA with the policy of conducting government business as openly as possible while balancing the right of the people to the state constitutional right to privacy. HRS § 92F-2. Since the UIPA's adoption in 1988, there have been many computer and technological advances that create new challenges, such as the "mosaic effect" resulting when information posted online can be mashed up with data from many different sources to create a new data set providing extensive personal information about an individual. OIP believes the current bill draft takes these general security and privacy concerns into consideration by providing that any data with personally identifiable information not be posted online, unless the disclosure is agreed to by the person or is necessary

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to the department's mission, as in the case of sex offenders or the names of candidates and lobbyists in Campaign Spending reports.

OIP also recognizes that the bill seeks to codify into law the aspirational goals of open data advocates. OIP believes that the current language providing departments with the discretion to post "appropriate" data will avoid unintended consequences, as departments will not find themselves obligated to release online their internal operations that would frustrate their management, impinge on privacy and security issues, or have no real value in being released online. Moreover, in light of departments' experiences with requesters who may try to use the new law simply to harass departments by demanding that specific or multiple data sets be posted online immediately, regardless of the department's workload and staffing, OIP notes that the bill will not require departments to post data upon demand, although such information may still be generally be available upon request under the UIPA.

Finally, we highly appreciate the appropriation provisions in HB 632, HD2 to OIP and the departments to implement the open data efforts and allow for the hiring of open data coordinators, who would help with getting data online and coordinate the UIPA responsibilities for the departments. OIP respectfully requests that the blank appropriation for OIP be filled in with an amount sufficient to support an additional full-time attorney position, and that the appropriated amount be incorporated into the State's budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





House Finance Committee Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair Aaron Johanson

Monday 02/25/13 at 01:30PM in Room 308 HB632 HD2– Relating to Open Data

TESTIMONY Carmille Lim, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and members of the House Finance Committee:

Common Cause Hawaii supports the intent of HB632 HD2. This bill would make certain data sets available to the public.

For more than forty years, Common Cause has advocated for a more "open" and transparent government. Using current available technology coupled with emerging best practices, this bill would improve data accessibility to the public, encouraging citizen analysis of public data, and encourage civic engagement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of HB632 HD2.

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Comments: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair The Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair Committee: Testimony to the House Committee on Finance Bill No. & Title: HB632 HD2, Relating to Open Data Date, Time: Monday, February 25, 2013, 1:30 p.m. Place: State Capitol, Room 308 Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair Aaron Ling Johanson and Members of the Committee on Finance: I strongly support HB632 HD2, Relating to Open Data. This Bill is a cornerstone to Hawaii's IT Transformation Plan. In addition to open data being a key element in a national movement for open government and transparency, it is a fundamental building block for open innovation in a collaborative, citizen-facing environment. Websites like Data. Hawaii. Gov and Data. Honolulu. Gov are in place for public access and interaction. It is an opportunity for government to co-create the delivery of services with the community it serves. This process will also fuel economic development in the technology sector. The State of Hawaii clearly supports making government more open and transparent. Gov. Abercrombie said in his State of the State Address that he seeks to "allow state government to operate more transparently and efficiently." And with the endorsement of the Governor, OIMT (Office of Information Management and Technology) launched its Open Data Initiative on June 26, 2012. OIMT has defined the platform and is already working with departments in determining best practices to open more government data for public use. Hawaii Open Data, an organization I support as well, believes that setting a standard for open data sets in legislation will help frame future development as well as clarify how data is viewed by the government agencies. Data should not be a product to deliver. It's a product of government's day-to-day activities, ultimately owned by the constituents it serves. Government agencies are stewards of civic data. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

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Comments: Open data is a key element in a national movement for open government and transparency. It is a fundamental building block for open innovation in a collaborative environment that welcomes citizen participation. Websites like Data. Hawaii. Gov and Data. Honolulu. Gov are in place for public access and interaction. It is an opportunity for government to co-create the delivery of services with the community it serves. This process will also fuel economic development in the technology sector. The State of Hawaii clearly supports making government more open and transparent. With the endorsement of the Governor, OIMT (Office of Information Management and Technology) launched its Open Data Initiative on June 26, 2012. OIMT has defined the platform and is already working with departments in determining best practices to open more government data for public use.

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