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**HB632**

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Testimony for TEC/JDL on Mar 21, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room 16

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Mason	League of Women Voters	Support	Yes

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COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair and Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice-Chair

3/21/13 1:25 PM State Capitol Room 414

HB 632, HD 2 Relating to Open Data

TESTIMONY

Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee Member, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Honorable Sylvia Luke and Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB 632, HD 2.** We request an appropriation, as recommended by the State Office of Information Practices, to facilitate implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair (TEC)  
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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Committee: Testimony to the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts  
and Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Bill No. & Title: HB632 HD2, Relating to Open Data

Date, Time: Thursday, March 21, 2013, 10:30 a.m.  
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara and Members of the Committee on  
Technology and the Arts  
Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee on Judiciary  
and Labor:

I am Peter Kay, CEO of CyberCom, and a serial tech entrepreneur who has started numerous  
companies in Hawaii, all in the tech industry, over a 30 year period. You might recognize me as  
"Peter Kay with Your Computer Minute" on the radio. My company is credited with creating the  
first commercial website in Hawaii, so we are no stranger to innovation and forward thinking. It  
is important to note I have no direct financial gain or loss from this bill.

CyberCom **strongly supports HB632 HD2, Relating to Open Data**. Digital bits are the raw  
materials of the information economy and Government data is not unlike natural resources like  
oil and gas. Government data has value and if configured such that it is easily "minable", you  
will have enabled value creation through its use. As you know, value creation is the economic  
foundation on which jobs, prosperity, and increased tax revenue are based on.

Today, too much of this government data is locked away, nearly impossible to access. It is as if  
we are sitting on a gold mine but no one has the tools to mine the gold. Passing this bill will  
begin to release the value that until now has been too difficult to access..

From a cost/benefit perspective, it is a win-win from all angles. Open Data enables more  
efficient intergovernmental data processing reducing their own costs; it reduces data acquisition  
costs for companies, enabling them to use capital more efficiently; and it will spur the growth of  
information processing companies, which will create jobs and further innovation. Truly a  
winning proposition to all.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

Peter Kay  
CEO  
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and Labor:

I submit the following statement in support of HB632 HD2, Relating to Open Data.

HB632 HD2, Relating to Open Data 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-engaging environment. Websites like Data.Hawaii.Gov and Data.Honolulu.Gov are in place for application creation, 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.

In stating my strong support for HB632 HD2, Relating to Open Data, I also appreciate and credit the efforts of the non-profit group Hawaii Open Data and its' executive director Burt Lum. Hawaii Open Data is a non-profit dedicated to advancing open data principles in Hawaii and creating collaborative environments that foster civic innovation. Formed in 2012, Hawaii Open Data focuses on improving data accessibility and integrity in support of public/private collaboration, government transparency and civic engagement.

According to Mr. Lum, Hawaii Open Data 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.

Sincerely,  
Mark L. Nakagawa  
Kaneohe, HI