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TESTIMONY OF  
SANJEEV "SONNY" BHAGOWALIA, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE  
Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 325

H.B. 635, H.D. 1

RELATING TO BROADBAND

Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Kawakami, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 635, H.D.1.

The Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT) supports the general intent of H.B. 635, which seeks to expedite the approval process for broadband-related permits.

Broadband has changed the way millions of Americans access the Internet, and the same improvements can be brought to State offices. The Hawaii Broadband Initiative is one of the top 10 flagship initiatives identified in the Business and Information Technology/Information Resource Management Transformation (IT/IRM) Plan that was released in October 2012. Broadband services for distributed State agency networking takes advantage of the latest developments and efficiencies to deliver high-quality information services to citizens. Broadband connectivity provides field offices with bandwidth up to 10 times greater than older technologies, like frame relay lines, and at significant cost savings.

The transition to broadband also enables field offices to provide better service to citizens. In the not too distant future, field offices will likely be equipped with interactive kiosks, digital signage and rich media training for employees, requiring converged video, data and voice services delivered over flexible broadband technologies.

In order for State agencies to realize these benefits, it is critical to increase our current broadband capacity. As such, OIMT supports H.B. 635, H.D.1 as it will provide for the expansion of high-speed broadband services.

OIMT defers to other appropriate agencies for further comments on the substantive effects of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

**RE: HB635 HD1 – Relating to Broadband - Support**  
CPC Committee – February 20, 2013, Conference Room 325, 3:00 PM

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Members of the Committee:

I am Lyndall Nipps, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for tw telecom (“TWTC”), which has operated in Hawaii since 1994, providing voice, Internet and data networking, and managing nearly 25,000 access lines to state and local governments, military, and businesses in the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB635 HD1, Relating to Broadband.

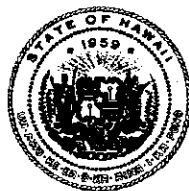
TWTC appreciates the considerable efforts of the House to expedite the deployment of high-speed broadband technology in Hawaii. The state has endeavored to support the development of broadband within the state since 2007, when the legislature created the Hawaii Broadband Task Force with the primary purpose of 1) removing the barriers to broadband access, including gaining wider access to public rights-of-way; 2) identifying opportunities for increased broadband development and adoption, including very high speed broadband services; and 3) enabling the creation and development of new advanced communication technologies in Hawaii. Since then, Governor Neil Abercrombie announced a state broadband initiative in 2011.

This bill provides improvements to the framework set in place by Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011. Notably, this bill codifies a process for the state to administer broadband permit applications, and provides for reasonable procedures for an applicant to modify a permit application, which we support.

For these reasons we respectfully request that this committee pass HB635 HD1.

Sincerely,  
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**H.B. 635 H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO BROADBAND**

House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 635, H.D. 1.

This bill proposes to grant an automatic approval to broadband – related permit applications that are not approved, approved with modifications or disapproved within sixty business days of submission of a complete permit application and full payment to the State. We appreciate the legislature revisiting this from our concerns in last session whereby a forty-five business day time frame was proposed.

We also request that amendments to Section 4 of the bill be done to ensure dates correlate with the effective date of approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

