

SB 369

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 permit residents to present testimony through audiovisual technology. Appropriates funds to establish audiovisual systems throughout the State.

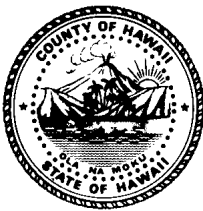
Companion: [HB358](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: TEC, WAM

Introducer(s): RUDERMAN, BAKER, ESPERO, GABBARD, GREEN, IHARA, KEITH-AGARAN, L. THIELEN, Slom

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February 7, 2013

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Re: Testimony on SB369 Relating to Videoconferencing
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 12, 2013; 1:15 p.m.; State Capitol Room 414

Dear Senators Wakai, Nishihara & Committee:

On behalf of myself and my constituents of Council District 8, North Kona, I would like to support the above referenced bill, and I hereby submit a brief testimony as follows:

I agree that it would be in the best interest of our citizens that both chambers of the legislature should implement rules to permit residents to present testimony through audiovisual technology, and to appropriate funds to establish audiovisual systems throughout the State.

Therefore, I strongly urge the enactment of SB369.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Eoff".

KAREN EOFF, Vice Chair,
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Submitted on: 2/6/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Petricci	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Feb 12, 2013 1:15 PM RE: SB369 Strong Support Aloha Chairman Wakai and committee members Living on the outer islands gives us a distinct disadvantage in participating in our legislative process. So many issues come up we want to be heard on but time restraints and the burden of flying to Oahu for the opportunity to have a voice in the process effectively eliminate ordinary working voters from participating. While we do send in written testimony it does not have the same impact as live testimony. We pay the same taxes as Oahu residents yet we are not afforded the same opportunity to speak to the issues. SB369 attempts to find ways to level the playing field for the outer islands. Please support this important legislation. Thank you for your consideration. Robert Petricci President Puna Pono Alliance

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Henry Vincent III	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzanne Wakelin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please vote YES on this bill. Using technology to facilitate the participation and fairness for ALL Hawaii residents in the legislative process is important. At present the residents that cannot attend hearings are at a disadvantage. Please support these measures. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Kuykendall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I ask you to please vote yes on this bill which will allow more equal access to the legislative process. If you don't live on Oahu, it is a major expense to travel to testify. Mahalo for improving our democracy.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacey Tucker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo to Senator Ruderman for addressing the needs of his constituents! From the Big Island, with this new bill, I can testify for bigger issues that effect my community and my family. Please pass this bill and help build a stronger community voice. With aloha, Stacey Tucker

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Hirakami	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this measure to give neighbor island residents the chance to have their voices heard in government. On February 1, 2013, I tried out the system for the first time in an Education Committee hearing. There were a few technical difficulties because of the fact that the technician on the legislature side of the conference did not know what equipment I was using. Therefore, it took us a while using the "chat" feature to get audio and the video part going. I can see this problem increasing as more people start to use the feature. I suggest that State of Hawaii videoconferencing centers be set up in either Senatorial or Representatives districts. This will make it convenient to the public to go to a place where testimony can be given. Hawaii County has set up videoconferencing at four community sites and have increased the public's participation in government. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Damon Tucker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Damon Tucker and I support Senate Bill 369. For us folks on neighbor islands, I think this will provide for greater access to the legislature and open up things for more folks to be able to testify. The rising cost of inter island travel really makes it difficult for us folks on the Big Island to testify in person.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Johnson	Hawaiian Shores Community Assn	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Feb. 10, 2013

Committee on Technology and the Arts (TEC)
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 369 – Relating to Videoconferencing

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Committee Members,

Hawaiian Shores Community Association (HSCA) is the homeowners association representing the Hawaiian Shores Recreational Estates subdivision located in the Puna district on the Big Island containing nearly 1300 lots. As with many of the large subdivisions of the Puna and Ka'u districts of the Big Island, where build-out is now greater than 35%, residents often have the need to have a "voice" in the drafting of legislation at the State level. For community members to travel all the way to Honolulu to provide verbal testimony incurs significant costs – approximately \$250-\$300 in airfare and ground transportation alone, not to mention the time lost from work and other activities.

Therefore, we wish to express our support for this video conferencing bill and hope that this pilot project expands to eventually cover all committee hearings related to measures being heard by both legislative bodies. If needed, our association would make available a computer station for community members to use if they desire to provide verbal testimony. Many of our members are elderly, or of modest means, and unable to maintain or have knowledge about operating a computer. Establishing sites within each senate district where people can participate in video conferencing may involve a program cost that government must support, yet this cost is overall less than the collective expense incurred when individual citizens must travel to Honolulu to give verbal testimony. Plus, utilization of widely available technology such as video conferencing invites greater participation in the legislative process which is the cornerstone of democracy.

We encourage the committee members to support this measure, and hope that the Senate will designate money to fund the expansion of this program using universally available technologies.

Sincerely,



David Johnson, Vice President
Board of Directors
Hawaiian Shores Community Association

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brent Norris	Green Collar Technologies	Support	No

Comments: Our organization is in support of this bill. We're hoping that government officials can start to understand the value of embracing digital technologies. We hope government officials can begin to understand our need to help strengthen our local digital economies not only in rural but also urban areas. We wish to submit video testimony and would like to help setup a center at our office location at the UHH Innovation Center at Hilo. Mahalo for your time.

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