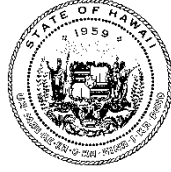


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OF  
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TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
February 28, 2013

S.B. 369

RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING

Chair Ige and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on S.B. 369.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the intent of S.B. 369 and will work with the State Legislature and other interested parties to establish audiovisual technology throughout the State to enable neighbor island residents to present oral testimony at legislative committee hearings.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on this matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerri Marks	Occupy Hilo Media Team	Support	No

Comments: We strongly support this measure, Please pass and fund video conferencing for neighbor islands. Kerri Marks Occupy Hilo Media Team

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Barbara B. Polk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge you to pass this bill, which will make it easier for neighbor island residents to take part in the political process. I have heard this urgent request from neighbor island friends over the past several years. Now we have technology that can make it possible. May I suggest using Skype to allow distance testimony? That way a person could testify from their own or a public computer, having made a reservation with the committee in advance.

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I support SB 369 relating to videoconferencing. Thank you for allowing Hawaii residents to be properly represented.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have video conferencing in Puna and it's great. It draws a lot of people who want you to know they exist and want you to listen to them. Although we can talk to the county in this manner, it would be wonderful if we could express our concerns to the state. We had it in the USFS, but all we did was listen to long winded administrators.

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Glenn Shiroma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As life-long resident of Hilo, I strongly support SB369. (Emphasis Added)

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Aloha Senators,

SB369, support videoconferencing, Thurs, 2/28, 9:35 am  
SB381, support public funding of candidates, Thurs, 2/28, 9:35 am  
SB382, support fuel tax to help fix roads in subdivisions, Wed, 2/27

Thank you for considering these bills. Please support them.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

**Comments:**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nadia Ranne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: SB 369 - I wholeheartedly agree that we need the ability to present testimony through audiovisual technology statewide. I also suggest that individuals be permitted to record testimony prior to meetings for those who cannot participate at the scheduled time due to other obligations. Mahalo!

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Pamela Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Outer island voices need to heard. This is the way to do it.

Aloha,

Richard Bidleman  
Pahoa

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**WAM #211 Feb 28, 2013 9:35 AM**

**Re: SB369**

**Position: Strong Support**

**My name is Robert Petricci**

**Representing: Puna Pono Alliance**

**Aloha, Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair, and committee members.**

**Puna Pono Alliance ask you to support this important legislation that will allow all the islands to more fully participate in our democracy.**

**Living on the outer islands gives us a distinct disadvantage in being heard in our legislative process. The cost and time required to travel to Honolulu to testify and fully participate are prohibitive for almost all of us. We are not able to personally express our opinions and manao on the issues to our lawmakers at this time. We believe that has handicapped us and resulted in decisions that may have been different had we been able to be heard.**

**SB369 that: "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".**

**We believe would allow us to more fully participate and be heard on issues that impact us on the outer islands.**

**Please support SB369.**

**Mahalo**

**Robert Petricci  
President Puna Pono Alliance**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Travis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This Bill goes some way to giving an appropriate voice to non Oahu residents. Community involvement is critical to a well run democracy, and this step will help to give citizens that voice and will help to restore some confidence in our government. Thank you for supporting this bill.

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