

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

753

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 01 2013**

RE: S.B. No. 369  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 369 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Legislature to establish procedures enabling neighbor island residents to testify at legislative committee hearings through the use of audiovisual technology.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Office of Information Management and Technology, Occupy Hilo Media Team, and eleven individuals. One individual submitted written comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that community involvement is critical to a well-run democracy. Yet, many neighbor island residents do not participate in the legislative process due to the time and cost of traveling to Honolulu to attend legislative proceedings. Your Committee further finds that establishing videoconferencing at legislative committee hearings will facilitate neighbor island resident participation in the legislative process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on the measure; and

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- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 369, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 369, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 369</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TEC, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-28-13</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓ ✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓ ✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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