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Honorable Representative Cliff Tsuji
Chair, Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony in Support of HCR 110, Conference Room 312, March 14, 2014

Dear Rep. Tsuji and Committee Members:

AT&T supports House Concurrent Resolution 110, which would create a working group to recommend legislation or changes to administrative rules to facilitate contracts with communication and telecommunication service providers regarding the use of public lands for communication and telecommunication infrastructure.

It has been our experience that such a discussion, which could result in legislation for next year, is very much needed. AT&T is greatly concerned about the amount of time it can take to site wireless broadband facilities on state lands. Yet, the public is demanding greater access to high-speed wireless data networks for the use of smart phones and other devices to access the Internet.

AT&T continues to make significant investments in our network in Hawaii. In fact, AT&T invested more than \$130 million in our network in Hawaii from 2011 through 2013. Last year, we made 122 network upgrades in Hawaii, including new cell sites and adding wireless and wired network capacity.

However, we have found that it can be very difficult and time-consuming to site our facilities on state lands, including at the state's airports. It would be our hope that this working group could address these issues and find ways to reduce the amount of time it takes for state agencies to process permits and provide approvals for the most modern communications technology serving the citizens of Hawaii.

AT&T urges your support for this legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Written Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Friday, March 14, 2014
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312
in consideration of

**HCR 110 and HR 81
REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO RECOMMEND LEGISLATION
OR CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO DEVELOP CONTRACTUAL
OBLIGATIONS BETWEEN THE STATE AND COMMUNICATION AND
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS AS TO THE USE OF PUBLIC
LANDS FOR COMMUNICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Ward, and Members of the Committee.

HCR 110 and HR 81 requests the DBEDT Director to convene a working group to develop standard provisions to be included in contractual agreements for the use of state public lands for communication and telecommunication hardware devices.

The working group is to request to conduct research and compile the current regulations and administrative rules on the issuance of leases, revocable permits, and any other legal contract that allows use of public lands for installation and operation of wireless communication and telecommunication platforms to create proposed legislation or changes to administrative rules.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers these comments on these resolutions. DBEDT does not have the capacity to carry out this project without additional staff and resources. DBEDT defers to the appropriate state agencies on issues of legal contracts and public land use.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.