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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BROADBAND ACCESS AVAILABILITY IN RESORT AREAS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of business, economic
2 development, and tourism shall convene a working group to create
3 a master plan to provide universal high speed broadband access
4 throughout Waikiki and other resort areas in the State, such as
5 Kaanapali, Maui; Kohala, Hawaii; and Hanalei, Kauai.

6 (b) Pursuant to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
7 the governor shall appoint to the working group:

8 (1) One representative from the department of business,
9 economic development, and tourism;

10 (2) One representative from the Hawaii tourism authority;

11 (3) One representative from the cable television division
12 of the department of commerce and consumer affairs;

13 (4) One representative from the department of budget and
14 finance;

15 (5) One representative from the mayor's office of each of
16 the four counties;



1 (6) One representative from a nonprofit organization that
2 represents the interests of the Hawaii hotel industry;

3 (7) Four representatives of federal, state, and county
4 government entities having a role in infrastructure
5 deployment; management of public rights-of-way,
6 regulation, and franchising; information technology;
7 and economic development; and

8 (8) Five representatives of Hawaii's private sector
9 technology, telecommunications, and investment
10 industries, including the incumbent local exchange
11 carrier.

12 (c) The representative from the department of business,
13 economic development, and tourism shall serve as the chairperson
14 of the task force.

15 (d) The department of business, economic development, and
16 tourism shall assist the working group in drafting the master
17 plan.

18 (e) Task force members shall serve without compensation
19 but shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses, including
20 travel, express that is incurred in the performance of their
21 duties as members of the task force.



1 (f) The working group convened pursuant to this Act shall
2 cease to exist on June 30, 2016.

3 SECTION 2. The working group shall submit the master plan,
4 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
5 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
6 of 2016.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Task Force; Broadband Availability

Description:

Establishes a task force to create a master plan for the availability of universal high speed broadband access in Waikiki and other resort areas.

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