

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1595
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Legislative Management, to which was referred H.B. No. 1595 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase participation and accessibility to legislative proceedings by establishing the Remote Testimony Task Force to develop procedures for the public to testify remotely via the Internet during legislative proceedings.

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; two Hawaii County Council members; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; Democratic Party of Hawaii; Aloha State Association of the Deaf; Common Cause Hawaii; and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. A concerned individual provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding an additional member of the task force that has knowledge and experience with the barriers faced by hearing or vision impaired people.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1595, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1595, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Legislative
Management,



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



