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Alex Haller	Individual	Support	No

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Darlene Ewan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HB 1595 TESTIMONY TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT February 12, 2016 Representative Scott Saiki Hawaii State Capitol Room 434 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Dear Representative Saiki, My name is Darlene Ewan and I live in your district. I support the intent of HB 1595 but the bill needs to be amended to include a representative from the deaf community on the Remote Testimony Task Force to effectively develop procedures that allow the deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf blind to participate remotely in the legislative process. Sincerely, Darlene Ewan Honolulu, Hawaii

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COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Testimony on H.B. 1595

Hearing: February 17, 2016

(RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY)

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Mizuno and members of the Committee, my name is Peter Fritz. I am an individual with a hearing disability and an attorney. I am testifying **in support** of this bill however, I respectfully **suggest that this bill be amended** to appoint a representative that has experience with the barriers faced by hearing disabled individuals.

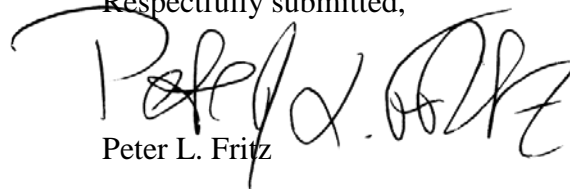
This bill establishes the Remote Testimony Task Force (“Task Force”). The Task Force is to develop procedures for the public to testify via the Internet during legislative proceedings and report its findings to the Legislature.

It may be a challenge for the Task Force to develop effective procedures that permit hearing disabled individuals to testify remotely without the input of a representative that has experience with the barriers that will need to be removed for hearing disabled individuals. For example, some people may not realize that the grammatical construction of American Sign Language (“ASL”) is not the same as written or spoken English or that there are services that use video conferencing to allow a sign language interpreter to interpret the testimony of a citizen testifying in sign language and sign any questions from a committee to the citizen.

I respectfully request that this bill be amended to add a representative that has the requisite knowledge and experience to help develop procedures for hearing disabled individuals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter L. Fritz', written over a printed name.

Peter L. Fritz



House Legislative Management Committee
Chair Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair John Mizuno

Wednesday 02/17/2016 at 2:00 PM in Room 423
HB 1595 – Relating to Legislative Testimony

TESTIMONY — SUPPORT
Carmille Lim, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Mizuno, and members of the Committee:

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB 1595 which would establish a “Remote Testimony Task Force” to develop procedures for the public to testify at legislative hearings remotely through the internet.

At Common Cause Hawaii, we encourage productive public participation in the political process. Our members and supporters often tell us that being geographically distanced from the Capitol (e.g., neighbor island residents, or even residents who live or work on the other side of Oahu) makes it difficult for them to productively participate in the government. Common Cause Hawaii supports this bill because it takes a step forward toward fostering public participation in the political process.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony **supporting HB 1595**.



Making Hawaii A Better Place for the Deaf

Aloha State Association of the Deaf

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February 12, 2016

HB 1595 TESTIMONY TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Representative Scott Nishimoto
Chair of Legislative Management
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 421
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishimoto,

Aloha State Association of the Deaf support the intent of HB 1595 but the bill needs to be amended to include a representative from the deaf community on the Remote Testimony Task Force to effectively develop procedures that allow the deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf blind to participate remotely in the legislative process through .

Sincerely,

Billy Kekua
President



HB1595
RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY
House Committee on Legislative Management

February 17, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Room 423

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs **SUPPORTS** HB1595, which will increase access to the political process for all the people of Hawai‘i.

It is well known that Hawai‘i has historically suffered from general community disengagement from political processes; this is especially evident in data demonstrating low voter turnout. Hawai‘i consistently ranks lower than the national average for voter participation among those eligible to vote in the presidential election.¹ In response to historical data also reflecting the underrepresentation of Native Hawaiians in the polls, during the past two election seasons OHA has implemented a “Hawaiian Voice, Hawaiian Vote: I Mana Ka Leo” campaign to increase Native Hawaiian civic engagement.

During the course of these campaigns, many Native Hawaiians expressed feelings of detachment from policy-making processes due to geographical distance and frustration at perceived neglect of their community concerns. Those from neighbor islands who do participate in governing processes do so at great personal expense for travel and accommodations. Moreover, many *kūpuna* or ‘ohana without transportation would also benefit from the ability to offer oral comments from the convenience of their homes. This measure would reaffirm the significance of all community input in our policy-making decisions. More robust legislative discussion can only yield better-informed laws.

Given the potential to greatly bolster participation in Hawai‘i’s legislative process, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** HB1595. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

¹ Editorial Board, *The Worst Voter Turnout in 72 Years*, THE NEW YORK TIMES, Nov. 11, 2014, available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/12/opinion/the-worst-voter-turnout-in-72-years.html>.

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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 12:30 P.M.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

RE: HOUSE BILL 1595 RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Dear Chair Nishimoto:

My name is Colin Whited and I am a resident of your district, Hawai'i House District 21. I am also an individual who is Deaf. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 1595, however, I urge you to amend this bill so that a representative from the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (DHH) community will be included on the task force.

This bill establishes the Remote Testimony Task Force ("Task Force"). The Task Force is to develop procedures for the public to testify via the Internet during legislative proceedings and report its findings to the Legislature.

It may be a challenge for the Task Force to develop effective procedures that permit individuals who are DHH to testify remotely without the input of a representative that has experience with the barriers that will need to be removed. For example, some people may not realize that the grammatical construction of American Sign Language ("ASL") is not the same as written or spoken English or that there are services that use video conferencing to allow a sign language interpreter to interpret the testimony of a citizen testifying in sign language and sign any questions from a committee to the citizen.

Including an individual who is DHH on the task force will directly impact a significant proportion of our residents. According to estimates provided by the Hawai'i Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), as many as 190,442 residents of Hawai'i have hearing difficulties.

With that said, I respectfully request that this bill be amended to add a representative from the DHH community who has the requisite knowledge and experience to help develop procedures for persons who are DHH.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Colin Whited

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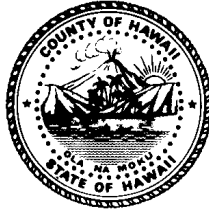
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha legislators, Remote testimony is sorely needed in this place where travel is so expensive and time-consuming. It will allow more input from neighbor islands to help the Legislature make well-informed decisions. mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

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February 17, 2016

TO: The Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Chair
House Committee on Legislative Management

FROM: Dru Mamo Kanuha, Councilmember

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1595, RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to establish a remote testimony task force to develop procedures for the public to submit testimony remotely via the Internet during legislative proceedings.

Increasing public access to government through utilization of modern technology is a crucial element in ensuring that our neighbor island constituents get equal opportunity to participate in the legislative process and share their thoughts on critical matters without travelling to Oahu.

Convening a task force to develop procedures for the public to submit testimony remotely is a great idea.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jo-Ann M Adams	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I testify as a private citizen, who is a member of the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Providing the ability to testify remotely was made a legislative priority of the Democratic Party of Hawaii at the last SCC Meeting. Those on the Neighbor Islands vote in higher percentages than those in the Urban Core. It is just that we make it easier for them to participate in more of the legislative process.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katarina Culina	Individual	Support	No

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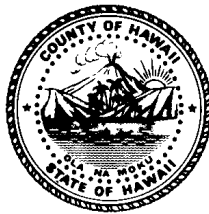
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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

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February 17, 2016

House Committee on Legislative Management
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Legislative Management

Re: Testimony In **Support** of HB1595; Relating to Legislative Testimony
Hearing Date and Time: February 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 423

Dear Committee:

On behalf of myself and constituents of Council District 8, North Kona, support for the above referenced bill is expressed, with brief testimony provided as follows:

I am in full support of an establishment of a Remote Testimony Task Force to develop procedures for public testimony to be offered remotely via the internet during legislative proceedings. I also approve of the requirement that the task force prepare findings and recommendations for submission to the legislature, prior to the convening of the next regular legislative session.

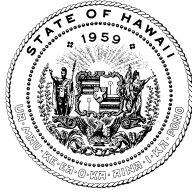
Thank you for this opportunity to provide support. I strongly recommend passing of this bill.

Sincerely,

KAREN EOFF, Vice Chair,
Council District 8, North Kona

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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



TODD NACAPUY
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TODD NACAPUY
Chief Information Officer, State of Hawai'i

Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT
Wednesday, February 17, 2016; 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 423

HOUSE BILL NO. 1595
RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Mizuno, and Members of the Committee:

I am Todd Nacapuy, State Chief Information Officer (CIO), testifying in support of House Bill No. 1595 that establishes the Remote Testimony Task Force to develop procedures for the public to testify remotely via the Internet during legislative proceedings.

We look forward to collaborating with the Legislature to encourage active citizen participation in the government process by providing options to use current communication technologies.

For example, the State's Office 365 enterprise license agreement includes many tools and enhanced resources such as Skype for Business (formerly known as Microsoft Lync), which provides online video conferencing capability from current devices through an enterprise-grade, secure, IT-managed platform.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, February 17, 2 pm, House Conference Room 423
HB 1595 RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY

Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Nishimoto, Vice-Chair Mizuno, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB 1595 which establishes the Remote Testimony Task Force to develop procedures for the public to testify remotely via the Internet during legislative proceedings. The proposed approach is pragmatic and timely.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2016

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: Conference Room 423

HB1595: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Aloha, Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members.

The **Democratic Party of Hawai'i** has identified the ability of neighbor island residents to testify at hearings as one of its top legislative priorities for this session and, therefore, **strongly supports** the establishment of the Remote Testimony Task Force provided for in HB1595.

The ability to testify as legislative hearings requires creative solutions for our island state. Citizens on the neighbor islands often express regret at not being able to effectively testify at hearings at the State Capitol. Our democracy can only be strengthened by an increased range of input from concerned citizens across and being able to participate in, or watch hearings in real time will stimulate both interest and input from citizens on the neighbor islands, as well as on O'ahu.

Establishing a task force is a good start toward creating an expansive range of options for increasing access to the legislative process for residents living in remote regions of the state. HB1595 brings together an excellent team of individuals with both legislative and technological expertise. The promise of technology as a tool for expanding both services and reception of input has yet to be realized in Hawai'i and we hope this team can carry us in the direction of maximizing technology's potential in this area.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to pass HB1595.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

On Behalf of the Legislation Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i