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Statement of  
**LUIS P. SALAVERIA**  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND  
HEALTH**

Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
2:05 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

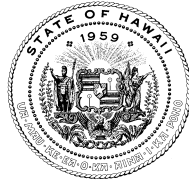
in consideration of  
**SB 2793, SD1**  
**RELATING TO BROADBAND.**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SB 2793, SD1, which extends the provisions of Act 264, SLH 2013, which requires the State and the counties to take action within sixty days for broadband-related permit applications, requires the State to take action within one hundred forty-five days for use applications for broadband facilities within the conservation district; establishes other requirements regarding broadband-related permits; and subjects weight load for utility poles to capacities established by the FCC and PUC. Repeals on June 30, 2023.

DBEDT supports measures that allow for more efficiencies in the broadband-related permitting process. The department believes that improvements in the permitting process will allow for more private sector participants and can lead to increased competition in Hawaii's broadband sector. Increasing Hawaii's broadband capacity is key for enabling rapid access of information; accelerating business development; connecting first responders more efficiently; creating telemedicine opportunities for the healthcare industry; enhancing educational resources; improving communications networks; enhancing telecommuting; enabling smart grid technology; and addressing existing cable end-of-life issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2793, SD1.



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CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2016

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
Time: 2:05 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON S.B. NO. 2793, S.D.1 – RELATING TO BROADBAND.

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

My name is Ji Sook “Lisa” Kim, and I am the Cable Television Administrator at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the “Department”). The Department appreciates the opportunity to express support for S.B. No. 2793, S.D.1, which extends for five (5) years the provisions of Act 264, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013 (“Act 264”) requiring the State and the counties to take action within sixty (60) days for broadband-related permit applications, and within one hundred forty-five (145) days for use applications for broadband facilities within the conservation district.

The Department strongly supports permit streamlining that can facilitate statewide access to affordable, high speed broadband services necessary to build a vibrant economy and to improve the quality of life for our residents. Extension of provisions of Act 264 will provide the State additional time to determine the effectiveness of the Act in expediting broadband infrastructure deployment in the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

**SB 2793 SD1**

**RELATING TO BROADBAND**

**KEN HIRAKI  
VICE PRESIDENT-GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
HAWAIIAN TELCOM  
March 16, 2016**

Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee:

I am Ken Hiraki, testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Telcom (HT) on SB 2793 SD1.

Hawaiian Telcom supports SB 2793 SD1 which will extend the provisions of Act 264, SLH 2013, to June 30, 2023. As an active member of the State Broadband Assistance and Advisory Committee, we support legislation designed to accelerate the timely deployment of broadband services throughout the state.

Delays in approving broadband permits result in higher deployment costs and impair Hawaii's ability to effectively compete in the global economy. Approval of SB 2793 SD1 will assist broadband providers to meet the rapidly growing public demand for the most advanced broadband products and services.

Hawaiian Telcom respectfully requests SB 2793 SD1 be passed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Justin Woodson, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

**RE: SB 2793 SD1 – Relating to Broadband – In Support**  
Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – 2:05 PM, Room 325

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and members of the Committee,

Oceanic Time Warner Cable supports SB 2793 SD1, which extends the provisions of Act 264, SLH 2013 relating to broadband-related permit applications.

As an active member of the Broadband Assistance and Advisory Council, we continue to support the state's expansion of broadband infrastructure that is in line with consumer and market demands.

Oceanic Time Warner Cable currently provides access to broadband service for the vast majority of the state. We are actively working to increase broadband speeds throughout the state.

We ask for your support in passing SB 2793 SD1. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gregg Fujimoto  
President

# **Testimony before the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

**By Paul A. Nakagawa  
Superintendent, T&D Infrastructure  
Construction and Maintenance Department  
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
2:05 pm, Conference Room 325**

**Senate Bill 2793 SD1  
Relating to Broadband**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Paul Nakagawa and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiaries, Hawai'i Electric Light Company and Maui Electric Company (collectively, the "Hawaiian Electric Companies") in support of SB 2793 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



# Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 2:05 P.M.  
Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

**RE: SENATE BILL 2793 SD 1 RELATING TO BROADBAND**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 2793 SD 1, which extends the provisions of Act 264, SLH 2013, which requires the State and the counties to take action within sixty days for broadband-related permit applications, requires the State to take action within one hundred forty-five days for use applications for broadband facilities within the conservation district, establishes other requirements regarding broadband-related permits, and subjects weight load for utility poles to capacities established by the FCC and PUC. Also repeals on June 30, 2023.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

An effective and comprehensive solution improving broadband deployment throughout the State will allow providers to meet an ever increasing public demand for broadband services. By accelerating the deployment, this legislation will further Hawaii's ability to compete globally.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.