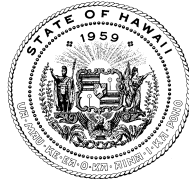


SB2793 SD1

Measure Title:	RELATING TO BROADBAND.
Report Title:	Broadband Permits; Automatic Approval; Construction
Description:	Extends until 6/30/2023 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. (SD1)
Companion:	HB2543
Package:	None
Current Referral:	EET, CPH
Introducer(s):	WAKAI, CHUN OAKLAND, INOUYE, Ihara



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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016

Date: Friday, February 26, 2016
Time: 10:30 a.m.

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

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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.



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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND
HEALTH**

Friday, February 26, 2016
10:30am
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of
SB 2793, SD1
RELATING TO BROADBAND.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports HB 2543, 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.

Testimony before the Senate Committee On Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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

**February 26, 2016
10:30 am, Conference Room 229**

**Senate Bill 2793 SD1
Relating to Broadband**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, 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.

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The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

RE: SB 2793 SD1 – Relating to Broadband – In Support
Friday, February 26, 2016 – 10:30 AM, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, 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