
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REMOTE TESTIMONY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a remote testimony
2 task force to develop procedures for the public to submit
3 testimony remotely via the Internet during legislative
4 proceedings.
- 5 (b) The task force shall be composed of:
- 6 (1) A member of the senate to be selected by the senate
7 president;
- 8 (2) A member of the house of representatives to be
9 selected by the speaker of the house;
- 10 (3) The senate clerk;
- 11 (4) The house clerk;
- 12 (5) A representative from the senate data systems office;
- 13 (6) A representative from the house data systems office;
- 14 (7) The coordinator of the public access room of the
15 legislative reference bureau;
- 16 (8) The chief information officer of the office of
17 enterprise technology services; and



1 (9) A representative that has knowledge and experience
2 with the barriers faced by hearing or vision impaired
3 people.

4 (c) The members of the task force shall elect a
5 chairperson from the members.

6 (d) The task force shall develop procedures to make
7 available remote testimony technology that enables the public to
8 submit oral testimony remotely via the Internet during
9 legislative proceedings.

10 (e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
11 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
12 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
13 the regular session of 2018.

14 (f) The task force shall cease to exist upon adjournment
15 of the regular session of 2018.

16 SECTION 2. Chapters 92 and 92F, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
17 shall not apply to the remote testimony task force, task force
18 members, deliberations, proceedings, and work product relating
19 to the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. Each chamber of the legislature shall consider
21 the task force's report and shall adopt rules that establish



1 procedures to enable Hawaii residents, including neighbor island
2 residents, to present oral testimony at legislative committee
3 hearings through the use of remote testimony technology.

4 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
7 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
8 2018-2019 for establishing remote testimony capability
9 throughout the State to enable Hawaii residents, including
10 neighbor island residents, to present oral testimony at
11 legislative committee hearings.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
13 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Remote Testimony; Oral Testimony; Legislative Hearings; Task Force; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Remote Testimony Task Force to develop procedures to make available remote testimony technology throughout the State that enables the public to testify remotely via the Internet during legislative proceedings. Legislature to adopt rules to establish remote testimony capability. Makes an appropriation.

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