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S.B. NO. 834

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read
3 as follows:

4 **"PART II. COMMITTEE HEARINGS, GENERALLY**

5 **§21- Videoconferencing; rules.** Each chamber of the
6 legislature shall establish, by rule, procedures to enable
7 neighbor island residents to present oral testimony at
8 legislative committee hearings through the use of audiovisual
9 technology."

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 21 is amended by designating sections
11 21-1 to 21-19 as part I, entitled "Investigating Committees,
12 General Powers; Sergeant-at Arms".

13 SECTION 3. Section 21-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 **"§21-1 Purpose.** The purpose of this [~~chapter~~] part is to
16 establish procedures governing legislative investigating
17 committees to provide for the creation and operation of



1 legislative investigating committees in a manner [~~which~~] that
 2 will enable them to perform properly the powers and duties
 3 vested in them, including the conduct of hearings, in a fair and
 4 impartial manner, consistent with protection of the
 5 constitutional rights of persons called to testify at such
 6 hearings and preservation of the public good."

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

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

16 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Audiovisual Technology; Videoconferencing; Legislative Hearings; Testimony; Teleconferencing; Neighbor Islands

Description:

Requires both chambers of the legislature to implement rules to permit residents to present testimony through audiovisual technology. Appropriates funds to establish audiovisual systems throughout the State.

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