

**Testimony of Mobilitie, LLC  
IN SUPPORT OF HB597 HD1, Relating to Economic Development  
Before the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology  
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 1:15 pm  
Conference Room 414, State Capitol**

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In addition, we urge you to consider amendments that would help facilitate the deployment of high-speed wireless broadband infrastructure through small wireless facilities, consistent with the Federal Communications Commission. This would enable the industry to efficiently and rapidly deploy much needed wireless broadband infrastructure to the people of Hawaii.

These small wireless facilities will help densify the current network in order to sustain the data needs of today, while building in capacity for future technologies that support 5G. Mobilitie is poised to invest in building out our network as soon as this legislation is effective, which will provide for dozens of local jobs, and millions of dollars invested in the local economy. Therefore, I urge the committee to amend HB597 HD1 to establish guidelines that enable broadband infrastructure to be deployed efficiently and rapidly in the state of Hawaii.

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