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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB834
RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING.**

SENATOR DONNA MERCADO KIM, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

SENATOR GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND
TECHNOLOGY

Hearing Date: February 13, 2017

Room Number: 414

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for Department of Health.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports SB834, acknowledging the
- 3 benefits to public input that would be enabled through safe, stable, and secure internet-based
- 4 telecommunications access, but reserves comment on the appropriation.
- 5 The normalization of remote testimony technology in the Legislature is an important symbolic
- 6 and substantive step towards wider acceptance of *telehealth*, which relies on similar technology
- 7 and public acceptance. Telehealth is a strategic priority for the Department of Health that
- 8 connects health providers with patients, particularly in rural and underserved areas.
- 9 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.



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February 13, 2017

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY, AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senate Bill 834 – Relating to Videoconferencing

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) is a statewide Governor-appointed Board with a majority of its members being persons with disabilities or family members. The Board's mission is to advocate and promote full inclusion, independence, equal access, and quality of life for persons with disabilities in society. This testimony represents a position voted upon by the Legislative Committee of the Board.

The purpose of the bill is to require both chambers of the Legislature to implement rules to permit residents on neighbor islands to present testimony through audiovisual technology. The bill also appropriates an unspecified amount of funds to establish audiovisual systems throughout the State. DCAB takes no formal position on this measure but offers comments about accessibility issues related to individuals with disabilities.

- Residents on the neighbor islands include people with and without disabilities. The Legislature is a Title II entity under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and subject to requirements for effective communication to allow equal access to testify at hearings for individuals with disabilities. Auxiliary aids or services for individuals with communication-related disabilities include: American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, captioning, notetaking, audiodescription or narration if anything is shown visually on the screen to be accessible, and possibly a voice interpreter for anyone who does not speak clearly to be understood due to a disability. The provision of auxiliary aids or services need to be included in any rules established for videoconferencing.
- Auxiliary aids or services have costs associated with provision of these services. Since there is an unspecified appropriation in this measure, costs of the auxiliary aids or services should be factored into the appropriation.
- The site selected for use during the videoconferencing needs to be physically accessible with accessible parking, accessible route to the entrance and exits, and restroom facilities (if made available to the general public).

We appreciate the Legislature taking people with disabilities who are residents of neighbor islands who may also want to participate in the legislative hearing process into consideration and to ensure equal access for everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG
Chairperson
Legislative Committee

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director



HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO

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The Twenty-Ninth Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Senate
Committee on Government Operations
Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

February 13, 2017

S.B. 834 – RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 834 which requires the House of Representatives and the Senate to implement rules to permit residents to present testimony through audiovisual technology.

Due to the constrictive and fast-paced legislative timetable, it is often a severe financial hardship for neighbor island residents to actively participate in our democratic process. For example, when the Legislature was considering the privatization of the Maui Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, employees had to take time off of work, purchase airline tickets - often with only 48-hours notice, and arrange ground transportation to attend a hearing. Many of our members chose to expend their valuable time and money to share their expertise and ensure their voices were heard, but we firmly believe many more would have taken advantage of remote testimony technology. We are confident that this same situation is all too familiar for too many neighbor island residents, regardless of the issue at hand. The passage of this measure is the first step toward ensuring access no matter where a Hawaii resident resides.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Respectfully/submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director





Senate Government Operations Committee / Senate Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology Committee
Chair Donna Mercado Kim, Chair Glenn Wakai

02/13/2017 at 1:25 PM in Room 414
SB834 – Relating to Videoconferencing

TESTIMONY — SUPPORT / COMMENTS
Corie Tanida, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Dear Chair Kim, Chair Wakai, and committee members:

Common Cause Hawaii supports and offers comments on SB834 which would require both legislative chambers to implement legislative rules that would make it possible for neighbor island residents to give live oral testimony through videoconferencing (audio/visual) technology.

Part of Common Cause Hawaii's mission is to encourage public participation in the political process. Our members and supporters often tell us that being geographically distanced from the Capitol (e.g., neighbor island residents, or even residents who live or work outside of downtown Honolulu) makes it difficult for them to productively participate in the government. Common Cause Hawaii supports this bill because it takes a step forward toward fostering public participation in the political process.

We also ask the Committee to consider these suggestions:

- Ensure that videoconferencing capability is made available to Oahu residents as well – particularly those who work or live on the Leeward side, or North Shore of Oahu.
- Ensure videoconferencing is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Provide clarity that this bill requires videoconferencing in hearings, not merely make videoconferencing possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on SB834.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Pele Lani Farm LLC	Support	No

Comments: As a farmer and business person, I cannot travel to Oahu to submit testimony. I would like to have the opportunity to deliver my testimony "in person" through technology. Its only fair. Mahalo. \

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Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Monday, February 13, 2017
1:25 P.M.
Conference Room 414

SB 834 RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING

STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chairs Kim and Wakai, Vice Chairs Ruderman and Taniguchi, and Members of the Committees,

Life of the Land is Hawai`i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for 47 years. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

It costs a lot in time and money for residents of Ka Pae `Aina O Hawai`i Nei (the Hawaiian Archipelago) to fly to O`ahu to testify, where they are limited in their testimony to two-to-three minutes. This gives an unfair advantage to O`ahu residents and lobbyists.

Mahalo,

Henry Curtis,
Executive Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Koerner	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Although we are on separate islands, we have the same concerns for our state, and would like to be heard throughout the state.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elif Beall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Kim, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the committees: My name is Elif Beall, from Kilauea, Kauai. I am writing to urge your strong support of SB834, which would enable neighbor island residents like myself to present oral testimony at legislative committee hearings through audiovisual technology. The purpose of this bill is to allocate funding to allow legislative committees to conduct fair and impartial hearings. I understand that Hawaii Island already has a system like this in place to allow residents to remotely testify at certain county council meetings. It is important that every citizen has the opportunity to have their voice heard when legislative decisions are being made which affect our communities. I urge you to support SB834. Thank you for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure. Sincerely, Elif Beall

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Renee Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Subject: Strong Support for SB 834 Dear Chair Kim, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the committees: My name is Tamara Paltin and I live in Napili, West Maui. I am writing to urge your strong support of SB834. This bill would enable neighbor island residents to present oral testimony at legislative committee hearings through the use of audiovisual technology. The purpose of this bill is to allocate funding to allow legislative committees to conduct fair and impartial hearings. This is extremely important to me as a working mother and wife, I am very concerned about the future and I would like to be able to participate in both County and State legislative proceedings regarding matters that are important to me and my family. The situation now makes it very cost and time prohibitive to participate. I would like to see community centers across the State having places for citizens to testify at both the County and State level maybe by working together Counties and the State can split the cost and spread the reach. We need to engage our citizenry and make government more accessible for the people by utilizing technology and innovation. It is important that every citizen has the opportunity to have their voice heard when legislative decisions are being made which affect their communities. I urge you to support SB834. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure. Sincerely, Tamara

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arianna Feinberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Maui resident and engaged citizen, I'd like to be able to give testimony to the state legislature via video conferencing. Thank you for the opportunity to write in my testimony but you would benefit from seeing the expression on my face and hearing the gusto in my voice.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
clare loprinzi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is crucial that the outer islands have the opportunity to testify. Here on Moku o Keawe our county council has 5 places we can go to to testify. It works well, Please let us in, it takes a lot of money and time to speak for three minutes coming to oahu Mahalo clare loprinzi

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Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Mader	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes, yes, yes please!!! We have a very hard time coming to O'ahu to testify on bills that directly impact us, and would love to be able to have our voices heard. Often the paid lobbyists and corporate elite are the ones who have an easy time getting to hearings and testifying in person, because they are paid to do so. There are so many of us who yearn for greater participation but cannot afford the \$180 or more for a plane ticket, plus cab or bus to get to the capitol. Nor can we afford to take the entire day off of work to come make our voices heard. I think it's time to use technology, so that you can better weigh the laws put before you, utilizing a more balanced perspective and more input and visual presence from those of us who do not live on O'ahu. Mahalo for putting this bill forward. I hope it passes. Aloha, Deb Mader Kihei

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Krieger	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Support SB834: To Allow Videoconferencing Testimony in Legislative Hearings Submit testimony in support of SB834, that allows neighbor island residents to present video testimony at legislative committee hearings. I Subject: Strong Support for SB 834 Dear Chair Kim, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the committees: My name is Robin Krieger and I am from Maui. I am writing to encourage your strong support of SB834. This bill would enable neighbor island residents to present oral testimony at legislative committee hearings through the use of audiovisual technology. How wonderful that will be. The purpose of this bill is to allocate funding to allow legislative committees to conduct fair and impartial hearings. It is important that every citizen has the opportunity to have their voice heard when legislative decisions are being made which affect their communities. I urge you to support SB834. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure. Sincerely, __Robin Krieger [REDACTED]

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Submitted: 2/11/17

RE: SB834

Hearing: 2/13/17, 1:25pm, ETT/GVO, Rm 414,

Testifier: Robert Petricci,

Position: Strong support

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair, ETT,
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair,
Committee members,

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, GVO,
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair,
Committee members,

Aloha Senators

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Please support SB834. If we are have a representative form of government in Hawaii, we on the outer islands need to be able to participate in a more meaningful way than we currently have. After traveling to Honolulu to testify on issues that affect my family, trying to participate in our legislative process from my home on the Big Island for years I can tell you it doesn't work well for "the people". From my experiance I have learned the process is unfairly tilted in favor of special interest that have the time and resources to be there talking to you in person.

Traveling to Honolulu many times over the last few years to be heard by legislators making laws that effect me has been costly and time consuming, if I could even get there with often times short notice on hot button issues. To make matters worse there has been preemption legislation the last 2 years at least, with attempts to eliminate our most effective real way to participate in person from the outer islands, island home rule. I know this is happening again this year. It seems some want to leave the outer islands with no personal voice at all in our government decision making. Time and economics put us at such a disadvantage that few if any concerned residents are able to attend many of the hearings.

We need more transparency and opportunity for meaningful participation in our lawmaking process in order to at least partially level the playing field with special interest and lobbyist who are able to be at the hearings SB834 attempts to create a more balanced approach.

SB8834 moves us in the right direction to allow the outer islands to participate in our law making process in a meaningful way.

Thank you for supporting SB843 and our right to be part of the legislative process in person via video conference.

Robert Petricci

Hiram Y Respicio
87-123 Helelua St Apt G308
Nanakuli, HI 96792

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Testimony Letter

Subject: Strong Support for SB 834

Dear Chair Kim, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the committees:

My name is Hiram Respicio, and I am from Nanakuli, Hawai'i. I am writing to urge your strong support of SB834. This bill would enable neighbor island residents to present oral testimony at legislative committee hearings through the use of audiovisual technology.

The purpose of this bill is to allocate funding to allow legislative committees to conduct fair and impartial hearings.

I am almost 63 years old, I am a City and County retiree and a registered voter in the State of Hawai'i. It is hard for older citizens to get around, most of time we spend all of our time at home, this bill would certainly help us to become involved in decisions that affect us and others statewide. I truly believe that if this bill is passed it would bring our outer island residents closer to inclusion.

It is important that every citizen has the opportunity to have their voices heard when legislative decisions are made which affects their communities. I urge you to support SB834.

Mahalo nui loa for your considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Sincerely,

Hiram Respicio

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Laura Civitello	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of SB834. Residents of all islands need to be heard and considered.

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee Members, This Bill will make it easier for those on outer islands who want to testify in person on issues that are important them and their community. This should have been done long ago! Mahalo, Ms.Barbara Barry Ha'iku, HI.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peggy McArdle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. I urge your full support for SB 834. Legislators need to hear directly from the citizens of Hawaii, not just from paid corporate lobbyists that lurk around the Capitol. Mahalo.

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Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha legislators, Hawai'i County Council has been doing video testimony for several years. Doing it at the Leg will help you enact laws that work not just for O'ahu, but all islands. mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

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Ahia Dye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: More communication, more responsive communities, greater results!

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Jennifer Noelani Ahia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kimberly crawford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Long overdue

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Choon James	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: STRONGLY SUPPORT - SB834 ALOHA! To encourage civic participation and promote transparency, it's time for the state legislature to make the State Capitol become more user-friendly. Mahalo for introducing this bill.....Many volunteers make great sacrifices of time and resources to come to Honolulu... This costs a lot of money for some that includes air-fare, car rental and accommodations..... At times, hearings are delayed or postponed which create more complications for the citizens....Additionally, we request that this opportunity be provided to all citizens at large. It takes us about 3 hours in travel time to get to and back from Honolulu to Kahuku to testify for 2-3 minutes. The limited available parking at and around the Capitol is also a huge inconvenience. The economy of scale in terms of time/resources is severe..... This opportunity could also be available those who are home-bound... Please pass this bill to promote transparency and encourage more civic participation. Choon James Measure Title: RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING. 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. Companion: Package: None Current Referral: ETT/GVO, WAM Introducer(s): RUDERMAN, S. CHANG, GREEN, INOUYE, RIVIERE, Espero, Gabbard, Galuteria, Ihara, Kim

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill...it is so important for all the people of Hawaii to be able to be involved. Thank you

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Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Over the last few years we held fundraisers to raise the funds needed to allow individuals from Kauai to testify in person at the legislature. Often they weren't even allowed to testify! This was so disheartening for the whole community and especially for those that took time from their lives. These people care about issues important to their community and care about democracy. We need to do what we can to support this kind of civic engagement.

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Kat Culina	Individual	Support	No

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Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments: Strongly Support. Representative government of, by, and for the people.
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Kaulana Dameg	Individual	Support	No

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AlanaRoss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I live I. A remote part of Maui where we rely on being able to testify from our small town of Hana. Technology provides us with this advantage that we need to be able to have our voices heard. Please allow this technology to continue to support us the people.

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Testimony by Lynn B. Wilson, PhD
10 February 2017

Strong Support for SB 834

Hearing scheduled for Monday, February 13th at 1:25 PM in room 414

Dear Chair Kim, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the committees:

I am writing to urge your strong support of SB834. This bill will enable neighbor island and rural O`ahu residents to present oral testimony at legislative committee hearings through the use of audiovisual technology.

I am a cultural anthropologist, community advocate, and media producer that supports using the power of technology in expanding opportunities for citizens to voice their opinions and concerns and stories.

Every citizen in Hawaii has a right to provide input in our democratic processes, and we all deserve the opportunity to have our voice heard when legislative decisions are being made that will affect our communities. The center of our state government happens to be located in Honolulu. When hearings are scheduled with very little lead time, it's difficult and expensive for folks on neighbor islands as well as rural O`ahu to participate in person.

As technology moves, elected officials also need to create new paths that ensure Hawaii is doing everything we can to expand participation in legislative decisions. We all deserve to have our voices heard.

I urge you to support SB834. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

Aloha Plenty,

Lynn B. Wilson, PhD
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DONNIE BECKER	Individual	Support	No

Comments: THIS IS A NO-BRAINER.....!! RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING. 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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Erika Lechuga Disalvo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Kim, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the committees: My name is Erika Lechuga DiSalvo and I live on Maui. I am writing to urge your strong support of SB834. This bill would enable neighbor island residents to present oral testimony at legislative committee hearings through the use of audiovisual technology. The purpose of this bill is to allocate funding to allow legislative committees to conduct fair and impartial hearings. I am very interested in being more active in our government- local, state and federal. I am personally not able to travel to Oahu to testify at our capital; sometimes I am not even able to attend local hearings and meetings due to work and raising a 2 year old. This is a much needed bill in Hawaii, being that we all live on different islands and cannot all physically be where we must to testify in person. This bill creates inclusiveness and accessibility for all residents. It seems obvious this is very important and crucial at this time in our government. It is important that every citizen has the opportunity to have their voice heard when legislative decisions are being made which affect their communities. I urge you to support SB834. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure. Sincerely and with Aloha, Erika Lechuga DiSalvo

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Kaliko Amona	Individual	Support	No

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Susan Vickery	Individual	Support	No

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sally kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Neighbor island residents are at an extreme disadvantage when attempting to participate in the political process. Maui County Council enabled remote testifying years ago, which allows us to walk to Council Member Riki Hokama's office here on Lana`i and present our thoughts and concerns without having to incur air,ferry,ground transportation and hotel costs. This has vastly improved community engagement.

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