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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1547
RELATING TO REMOTE TESTIMONY.**

REPRESENTATIVE BERT KOBAYASHI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Hearing Date: February 8, 2017

Room Number: 423

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for Department of Health.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports HB1547, 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 Telehealth is a strategic priority for the Department of Health that connects health providers with
8 patients, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

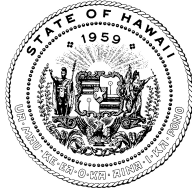
9 Most frequently, telehealth is accomplished over broadband internet networks through high
10 definition video on computers, smartphones, or dedicated medical carts and may involve remote
11 telemetry (blood pressure, heart rate, etc.). Patient acceptance is growing, and often there are no
12 other choices except to delay treatment or fly patients inter-island. The Legislature has recently
13 endorsed telehealth through legislation requiring equivalent reimbursement for telehealth visits
14 and face-to-face provider visits and other reforms – see Act 226 Session Laws of Hawaii 2016,
15 and Act 159 Session Laws of Hawaii 2014.

16 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT
Wednesday, February 8, 2017; 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 423

HOUSE BILL NO. 1547
RELATING TO REMOTE TESTIMONY

Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Mizuno, and Members of the Committee:

I am Todd Nacapuy, State Chief Information Officer (CIO), testifying in **support** of House Bill No. 1547, Relating to Remote Testimony, which establishes a 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.

We look forward to collaborating with the Legislature to encourage active citizen participation in the government process by providing options to use current communication technologies.

For example, the State's Office 365 enterprise license agreement includes many tools and enhanced resources such as Skype for Business and Skype for Meeting Broadcast, which provides a high-quality video streaming solution that allows viewers to interact via built-in collaborative tools. Supporting up to 10,000 viewers at any one time, it is device agnostic, and participants can join from nearly anywhere on almost any device, as long as they have an Internet connection.

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

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Date: February 8, 2017, 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 423

Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 1547
Relating to Remote Testimony

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill. The Office of Information Practices (“OIP”) takes no position on the substance of this bill, which would establish a Remote Testimony Task Force to develop procedures to enable members of the public to testify to the Legislature via the internet. OIP is testifying to seek clarification of why the proposed task force is exempted (at bill page 2, lines 16-19) from the Sunshine Law and the rest of chapter 92, HRS, and from the Uniform Information Practices Act (“UIPA”), chapter 92F, HRS.

The exemption would mean that the proposed task force would have no obligation to allow the public to attend its meetings or to accept public testimony on the issues it is considering, and no obligation to respond to any record requests even with a denial. Further, since the exemption is to all of chapter 92, not just part I, the Sunshine Law, the task force would apparently be exempt from the provisions relating to boards’ general powers, statewide copy charges, and other miscellaneous matters.

It is not clear why this level of secrecy would be necessary for a group whose express purpose is to develop procedures to enable the public to testify remotely via the internet and thus increase public access to legislative proceedings, a topic likely to be of public interest and one on which public input would be valuable. **OIP respectfully suggests that this Committee consider whether the exemptions are appropriate and either delete them or explain in a Committee report why they are necessary. OIP further suggests that if the exemptions are left in, they should be rephrased as follows: “The remote testimony task force shall be exempt from part I of chapter 92. Records of the remote testimony task force shall be exempt from public disclosure under chapter 92F.”**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



House Legislative Management Committee
Chair Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair John Mizuno

02/08/2017 at 2:00 PM in Room 423
HB1547 – Relating to Remote Testimony

TESTIMONY — STRONG SUPPORT
Corie Tanida, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Dear Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Mizuno, and members of the House Legislative Management Committee:

Common Cause Hawaii strongly supports HB1547 which would establish a “Remote Testimony Task Force” to develop procedures for the public to testify at legislative hearings remotely through the internet.

At Common Cause Hawaii, we encourage productive 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 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony **supporting HB 1547**.



Testimony to the House Committee on Legislative Management

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Chair

Rep. John Mizuno, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Conference Room 423

**HB 154, 416, 1547 - Relating to Legislative Hearings; the Legislative Broadcast Program;
and to Remote Testimony**

Dear Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Mizuno, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, I would like to offer our comments in support of **HB 154, 416 and 1547**, which all provide greater access to and transparency of the legislative process.

Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) is a statewide, sector-wide professional association of nonprofits. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i. Our member organizations provide essential services to every community in the state.

As a statewide organization, HANO believes it is important to engage nonprofit organizations and their communities on all islands throughout the state. Legislative modernizations like pre-recorded testimonies, remote live testimony and video recordings of past hearings, will make the legislative process more accessible to those who live and work on the neighbor islands, and/or who are homebound, and cannot come to the State Capitol in person. We support this effort to improve statewide public participation in our policymaking process.

As an island state, we value being inclusive of all citizens regardless of geographic distance.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Mahalo,

Lisa Maruyama
President and CEO



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The Twenty-Ninth Legislature, State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
Committee on Legislative Management

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

February 8, 2017

H.B. 1547 – RELATING TO REMOTE TESTIMONY

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 1547 which establishes a task force to make remote testimony technology available for the public to testify during legislative proceedings.

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 creation of this task force 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

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HB1547

Submitted on: 2/3/2017

Testimony for LMG on Feb 8, 2017 14:00PM in Conference Room 423

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Franz Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Remote testimony has been tested. Video conferencing is common practice with many organizations and government agencies. People can be given specific time slots, so delays can be easily avoided. Travel cost are too high for testifying in person. Getting flights with less than 48 hour notice is challenging and often quite expensive. Outer island citizens should have the same rights and opportunities than residents of the Oahu county. Putting a financial burden on residents of three counties is not a fair and equal treatment.

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Darlene Ewan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This idea of remote testimony will change the lives of hearing loss community. This will give them more opportunity to voice and change the laws for Hawaii. Thank you for including Deaf community candidate as part of task force committee.

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COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Testimony on H.B. 1547

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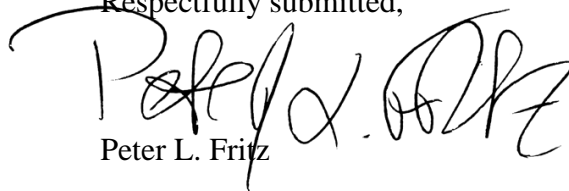
Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Mizuno and members of the Committee, my name is Peter Fritz. I am an individual with a hearing disability and an attorney. I am testifying **in support** of this bill.

This bill establishes the Remote Testimony Task Force (“Task Force”). The Task Force is to report to the Legislature concerning procedures to permit the public to testify via the Internet during legislative proceedings.

I support this bill because the inclusion of a representative with knowledge of the disabled community will help develop rules to address the accommodations needed for disabled individuals to testify.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter L. Fritz', written over a printed name.

Peter L. Fritz

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HB1547

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Comments Only	No

Comments: We think this is definitely an idea worth pursuing and that it would make it easier for people with disabilities to testify on bills without having to travel in person to the State Capitol.

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