

THE SENATE  
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COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY  
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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
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AMENDED NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2020  
TIME: 1:15pm – 3:15pm  
PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

*(This notice has been amended to correct typographical errors. No substantive changes were made to the agenda)*

A G E N D A

**TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES ON HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS**

**This meeting is part of the Senate's live streaming pilot project. A link to the live stream event will be available on the Senate Technology Committee [webpage](#) 24 hours prior to the meeting.**

**No public testimony will be accepted.**

The purpose of this briefing is to review the current status of telecommunication services and opportunities on Hawaiian Homelands.

This briefing will cover two specific areas of concern:

1. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 2.5 GHz Rural Tribal Priority Window.
2. The current status of telecommunication activity on Hawaiian Homelands, including an update on the Sandwich Isles legal proceedings.

The 2.5 GHz Rural Tribal Priority Window is a meaningful opportunity for Tribes in rural areas to directly access unassigned spectrum over their Tribal lands. The 2.5 GHz band is suitable both for mobile coverage and fixed point-to-point uses and could play an important role in the deployment of broadband and other advanced communication services on Tribal lands.

In January 2020, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), and the Governor requested that the FCC designate Hawaiian Homelands as eligible for the auction. This request represents a unique opportunity for Hawaiian Homestead communities in rural areas to obtain access to important connectivity solutions that are being leveraged in Tribal communities across the country.

## BRIEFING SCHEDULE (1:15pm – 3:15pm)

- **Welcome & Introductory Remarks** *Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole & Sen. Maile S.L Shimabukuro (5 min)*
- **Overview of Spectrum and Broadband** *presentation by Burt Lum, Broadband Initiative (15 min)*
- **The 2.5 GHz Rural Tribal Priority Window**
  - **Understanding the Rural Tribal Priority Window** *presentation by Edyael Casaperalta, Esq, Tribal Telecommunications Attorney (20 min)*
  - **Impacts of the 2.5 GHz Spectrum on Hawaiian Lands** *presentation by Mariel Triggs, CEO, MuralNet (20 min)*
- **Overview of Telecommunication Connectivity on Hawaiian Homelands**
  - **Telecommunication Availability on Hawaiian Homelands and Update on 2.5 GHz Rural Tribal Window Application for DHHL** *presentation by Deputy to the Chair Tyler Gomes, Department of Hawaiian Homelands (20 min)*
  - **Contractual Obligations by Telecommunication Carriers on Hawaiian Homelands** *presentation by Ryan Kanaka 'ole, Department of the Attorney General (15 min)*
- **Implications for Hawai'i's Broadband Future** *presentation by Deputy to the Chair Tyler Gomes, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Burt Lum, Broadband Initiative (10 min)*

At the conclusion of the presentations the committee chairs will reserve the final 15 minutes for questions by the members relating to the use of telecommunication services on Hawaiian Homelands.

The committee members would like to thank the presenters, who are experts in their respective fields, for their contributions to this briefing.

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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
Chair

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Senator Maile S.L Shimabukuro  
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