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Date: 01/30/2019
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: 309
Committee: House Economic Development
& Business

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0533 RELATING TO BROADBAND.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes the Hawaii Broadband Office within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Establishes the position of State Broadband Strategy Officer. Requires the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, or the Director's designee, to convene and chair the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council. Appropriates funds.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports HB 533, but defers to the appropriate departments for implementation. A strategic focus on improving broadband in Hawaii is vital in today's society which leverages and consumes broadband services in greater numbers. This is especially the case in the educational setting, where curriculum, assessment, and learning tools continue to move towards online and digital delivery. Hawaii's schools, educations, and students leverage broadband on a daily basis and use continues to grow annually, especially with the Department's strategic focus on modernization and school design.

Thank you for the opportunity provide testimony on this measure.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
House Committee on Economic Development and Business
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309**

**On the following measure:
H.B. 533, RELATING TO BROADBAND**

Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ji Sook “Lisa” Kim, and I am the Cable Administrator for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs’ (Department) Cable Television Division. The Department supports this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) establish the Hawaii Broadband Office within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), including the creation of a state broadband strategy officer position to head the office; and (2) transfer certain duties relating to the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council to DBEDT.

The Department recognizes the established relationship between broadband access and economic growth and development, as well as broadband’s importance in fostering education, health, community building, and civic engagement throughout the State. Having a single office responsible for strategic planning and setting the State’s overall broadband direction would assist in the development of broadband services.

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Accordingly, the Department supports the approach taken by this measure to create a centralized broadband office responsible for establishing statewide broadband policy and strategic plans, as well as facilitating coordination between public and private broadband stakeholders.

While the Department appreciates this measure as a necessary first step to updating and enhancing the State's broadband policy and planning, it defers to DBEDT in determining whether DBEDT has adequate resources to meet the requirements of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Testimony for EDB on 1/30/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

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Statement of
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Wednesday, January 30, 2019
10:00AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In Consideration of
HB 533
RELATING TO BROADBAND

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) offers **comments** on HB 533 which establishes the Hawaii Broadband Office in DBEDT, establishes the position of State Broadband Strategy Officer and a second exempt position, requires the Director of DBEDT, or designee, to convene and chair the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council (BAAC), and appropriates \$200,000 to be expended by DBEDT.

DBEDT believes it would be premature to take a position on this bill at this time for the following reason. HB 533 calls for an expanded role for DBEDT which we have not had an opportunity to discuss and plan for with our sister state agencies, the county agencies, and private sector stakeholders.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.