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## Written Comments

### **SB1382 SD1**

### **RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BROADCAST PROGRAM**

Comments by the Legislative Reference Bureau  
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Presented to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 10:05 a.m.  
Conference Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Good morning Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee, my name is Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi and I am the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Thank you for providing the opportunity to submit written comments on S.B. No. 1382, S.D. 1, Relating to the Legislative Broadcast Program.

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Require each chamber of the Legislature to establish, by rule, procedures to enable livestreaming of all public hearings and informational briefings held at the State Capitol through the use of audiovisual technology, which shall be made available to the public;
- (2) Require the Legislative Broadcast Program to make an audio or audiovisual recording of all public hearings and informational briefings held at the State Capitol, and maintain an archive of the recordings to be made available to the public; and
- (2) Appropriate an unspecified sum in general funds in fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to the Legislative Reference Bureau for the purchase of necessary recording equipment, archival materials, and the hiring of necessary staff.

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While the Legislative Reference Bureau takes no position on the merits of this measure, we submit the following comments for your consideration.

As you know, the Legislative Broadcast Program was established pursuant to section 21G-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes. According to that law, while the Legislative Broadcast Project was established as part of the Legislature's permanent public access program, the supervision of the Legislative Broadcast Project was vested with the Joint Legislative Access Committee established pursuant to section 21D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Consequently, since all the responsibilities established in law and proposed in the measure seem to impose requirements on the respective chambers of the Legislature, it is unclear why the measure contains an appropriation to the Bureau to purchase recording equipment and archival materials and to hire staff. As such, it would seem appropriate to delete the section appropriating moneys to the Bureau from the measure.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide written comments.

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Comments: