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In consideration of

SCR67, SD1

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 4 THROUGH OCTOBER 8, 2021, AS DIGITAL
INCLUSION WEEK IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.**

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports SCR67, SD1** that recognizes October 4 through October 8, 2021, as Digital Inclusion Week in the State of Hawaii.

The COVID-19 pandemic has spotlighted the need for broadband infrastructure and digital equity across all of Hawaii's residents especially those in rural unserved and underserved communities

It is important that we recognize the digital inclusion work that is being done by the Broadband Hui as we strive to meet the goals set forth in the Digital Equity Declaration.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.