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Statement of
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before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

2:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of

SCR25, SD1

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 3 THROUGH OCTOBER 7, 2022, AS DIGITAL
INCLUSION WEEK IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.**

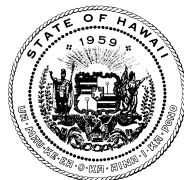
Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Clark and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports SCR25, SD1** that recognizes October 3 through October 7, 2022, as Digital Inclusion Week in the State of Hawaii.

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 and other community stakeholders as we strive to meet the goals set forth in the Digital Equity Declaration.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
2:00 pm
Via Conference Room 309 & Videoconference

To: Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Linda Clark, Vice Chair

RE: Support of SCR25, SD1 Relating to the Recognition of Digital Inclusion Week in the State of Hawaii from October 3 through October 7, 2022

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Clark, and members of the Committee,

The Hawaii State Public Library System fully supports SCR25, SD1 to recognize October 3 through October 7, 2022 as Digital Inclusion Week in the State of Hawaii.

We are living in a digital world that requires all of us to have access to technology and the digital literacy skills to participate in all aspects of daily life and society. We must make sure that all of our communities are connected and have the skills they need to successfully navigate education, work, health, and government. The future health of our people, economy, government and environment are dependent on it.

HSPLS respectfully urges the passage of SCR25, SD1, which will create a platform for focused attention on the importance of digital inclusion, and an opportunity to build awareness of the resources available statewide to support our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacey A. Aldrich".

Stacey A. Aldrich
State Librarian

SCR-25-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/12/2022 5:40:04 PM

Testimony for HET on 4/13/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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