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To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

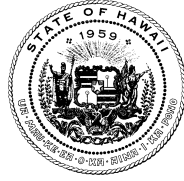
From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: March 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Re: Testimony on S.B. No. 752, S.D. 1  
Relating to Telecommunication

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which would require the Comptroller to identify state office buildings that could be used to help residents on neighbor islands and in rural areas participate remotely in legislative hearings. The Office of Information Practices (OIP) testified regarding the working group proposed in the bill as introduced, but that working group was removed from the S.D. 1 version of the bill. Thus, **OIP has no further concerns regarding this bill.**



STATE OF HAWAII  
HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

**Conference Room 211**

**10:00 am**

**By Stacey A. Aldrich**

**State Librarian**

**S.B. 752 S.D.1 RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

To: Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) supports the intent and provides comments on S.B. 752 S.D.1 which requires the Comptroller to identify state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow certain residents, including residents with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative hearings. This measure also requires the Comptroller to submit a report of the findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation.

The HSPLS has been providing the public resources to participate in the legislative process for many years. In 2020, while most businesses and government offices were still closed to the public, the HSPLS deployed 16 Chromebooks and charging stations to all 51 public libraries statewide to supplement the technology already available at our public libraries. Working in coordination with both the Senate and House Clerk's Offices, we also updated our website and trained HSPLS staff in order to effectively assist any member of the public who wanted to participate in the 2021 Legislative Session. We look forward to working with the Comptroller to achieve the intent of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on S.B.752 S.D1.



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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March 2, 2023

The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
The Thirty-Second Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

**SUBJECT: SB752 SD1 RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATION.**

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS SB752 SD1**, which requires the Comptroller to identify state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow certain residents, including residents with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative hearings. Requires a report to the Legislature.

Remote testimony ensures greater accessibility, benefitting those that rely on others to travel. Members of the Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) community often rely on others for mobility, such as city bus systems or caregiver support. Online testimony that does not require travel allows I/DD individuals greater independence to participate in and benefit the Hawai'i legislative process. Additionally, online testimony benefits those residing on the neighbor islands of Oahu, who may not be able to travel easily across islands.

Our community deserves an equal opportunity to have their voices heard as part of the legislative process. This year, March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Our theme is friendship and leadership, and we anticipate 450 individuals in our community to attend our Day at the Capitol event. To be a leader, we need to be connected. The independence of remote testimony allows individuals in our community to truly participate and help lead the legislative process, establishing themselves as an equal voice in Hawai'i's legislative process. SB752 will make sure their right to civic engagement is protected.

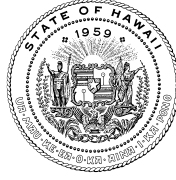
Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of SB752 SD1**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daintry Bartoldus".

Daintry Bartoldus  
Executive Administrator

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



KEITH A. REGAN  
COMPTROLLER  
KA LUNA HO'OMALU HANA LAULĀ

MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN  
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES | KA 'OIHANA LOIHELU A LAWELAWE LAULĀ**  
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF  
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

MARCH 2, 2023, 10:00 AM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 211 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 752, S.D. 1

RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATION.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 752, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) offers comments for S.B. 752, S.D. 1, which requires the Comptroller to identify state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow certain residents, including with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative hearings and requires a report to the legislature.

We appreciate the intent of this measure and, based on our research and discussion with the Hawaii State Library System, we believe the infrastructure and resources may already be in place. The Hawaii State Library System currently has 51 libraries that have been outfitted with internet access (wifi), laptops, are environmentally

controlled (air conditioning), and have a staff capable of providing the necessary support to potential users wanting to access legislative hearings. The State's libraries are designed to support residents with disabilities to ensure access to the services available there. We will continue to work closely with the Hawaii State Library System to provide support and to help share information about the existing access.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.



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March 2, 2023

### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

#### Senate Bill 752 SD1 – Relating to Telecommunication

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports and offers comments on Senate Bill 752 SD1 – Relating to Telecommunication. This bill would require the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services to identify state office buildings that are able to provide equitable telecommunication access to allow residents of the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, and residents of rural areas in the City and County of Honolulu, including residents with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative hearings. Also, this bill would require a report to the Legislature.

DCAB offers comments to ensure the report of findings and recommendations address compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires state and local governments to ensure equal access for individuals who are disabled when providing programs, services, or activities, especially persons with communication access needs, that is, persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. As it concerns Senate Bill 752 SD1 and determining appropriate state office buildings where residents can remotely participate in legislative hearings, it is important to ensure that the identified buildings and programs are equally accessible to the full spectrum of persons with disabilities. These comments are offered to ensure that all individuals have equal opportunity to participate in processes of their government.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

KIRBY L. SHAW  
Executive Director