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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Thursday, April 11, 2024
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
GM 605
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Strategic Broadband Coordinator, Department of Business, Economic
Development & Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHUNG CHANG,
for a term to expire 12-07-2026.**

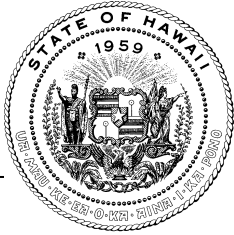
Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee.

I **strongly support** the appointment of Chung Chang to serve as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator for the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. Chang has a diverse background in providing strategic business leadership with positions held in the private and public sectors, including owning and managing his own businesses and serving in various roles with the Hawai'i Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism as its Aerospace Development Coordinator and DBEDT Deputy Director.

Mr. Chang has extensive experience in planning, executing, and managing transformational organization projects and establishing and maintaining collaborative partnerships with other agencies and organizations, with a deep commitment to delivering quality outcomes. Since being appointed as Strategic Broadband Coordinator, he has accomplished a number of milestones including the completion of the State Digital Equity Plan which addresses the challenges of the digital divide.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for Mr. Chang's confirmation as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator for DBEDT. I look forward to continuing to work with him to ensure the equitable distribution of digital technologies and to provide pathways to maximize Hawai'i's competitiveness in the digital economy. Thank you for the opportunity to offer my strong support.



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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

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In Support of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 605

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Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee, I am writing in support of the appointment of Mr. Chung Chang to serve as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Mr. Chang's career trajectory is marked by a series of progressively responsible roles, demonstrating his exceptional capabilities and versatility. From his tenure as an Aerospace Development Coordinator at the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to his more recent position as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator within the same department, Mr. Chang has consistently displayed a deep understanding of complex issues, strategic thinking, and effective management skills.

Mr. Chang's dedication to public service is evident in his track record of spearheading initiatives to support economic development, emergency response coordination, and workforce upskilling. His leadership in coordinating COVID economic response programs underscores his commitment to addressing pressing societal needs and ensuring equitable access to resources. Accordingly, HSEO respectfully requests your consent in Mr. Chang's confirmation as Strategic Broadband Coordinator.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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before the
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

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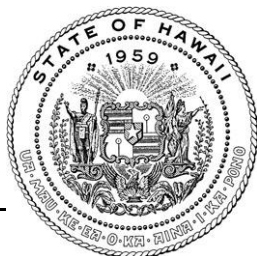
Chair Decoite, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Committee.

The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **SUPPORTS** GM605 submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHUNG CHANG, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

HTDC has had the pleasure of interacting with Chung Chang on various occasions during his various roles in the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT). Chung Chang's extensive history includes serving as an Aerospace Development Coordinator, Deputy Director of DBEDT, and acting as the current Strategic Broadband Coordinator. Outside of DBEDT, Mr. Chang has worked in private roles that involve supervisory and management duties.

HTDC supports the consideration and confirmation of Chung Chang as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator and looks forward to working alongside him in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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Testimony of
Eugene Tian

To the
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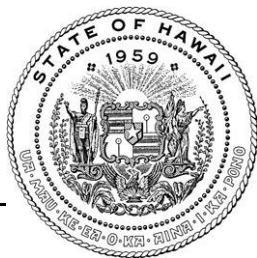
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Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee.

I am Eugene Tian, Economic Research Administrator with the Research and Economic Analysis Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). I am pleased to submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Chung Chang as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator.

I worked with Chung when he was the DBEDT Aerospace Industry Coordinator and later as the Deputy Director of DBEDT between 2018 and 2022. Chung was an excellent operating officer, a detailed organizer, and a great communicator. His knowledge of legislation, state budget, and technology development were well respected by his co-workers and colleagues. His instructions to the management team were always clear and concise, with the goal of maximizing DBEDT's effectiveness and impact. Chung led us through the difficult times during the COVID-19 pandemic. During my experience working with Chung, I have found that he treats people with respect, compassion, and fairness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Statement of
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before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, and TOURISM

Thursday, April 11, 2024
1:00 PM, State Capitol
Senate Conference Room 229 and via videoconference

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**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 605, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as
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Chair Decoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee, as the Division Chief for the Creative Industries Division within the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT), I wholeheartedly endorse Chung I. Chang for the role of Strategic Broadband Coordinator for DBEDT. Chang's extensive experience in government, the private sector, as well as the executive and legislative branches, make him an exceptional candidate for this crucial position for our state.

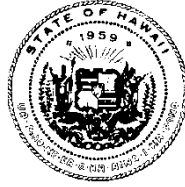
With a career in management, entrepreneurship, and technology, among others, I've seen Chung tap into these abilities when he led our department as Deputy Director, actively leading strategic initiatives during COVID-19. This required a balanced approach during a crisis, requiring fostering collaboration across multiple communities and agencies.

These abilities will suit him well in the position of Strategic Broadband Coordinator for DBEDT. Together with his colleagues in the department, working with the executive branch, the legislature and the university, these skills will help accelerate the vision of a broadband connected Hawai'i for all residents, including our youth, today and in the future. For these reasons, I am confident, his skills and integrity will be invaluable in driving Hawai'i's broadband initiatives forward.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Statement of **DEAN MINAKAMI**

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

April 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 229

In consideration of
GM 605

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Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee:

HHFDC **supports** the consideration and confirmation of Chung Chang as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. Chang has held the position on an interim basis since last July. We believe that his performance to date and past experience, which includes serving as DBEDT's Deputy Director and holding various management positions in the private sector, demonstrate that he is well qualified to serve permanently as the Department's Strategic Broadband Coordinator.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for GM 605.

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**TESTIMONY OF WENDY L. GADY
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Thursday, April 11, 2024
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12-07-2026**

Chairperson DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) **supports** GM605,
relating to the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Chung Chang’s appointment
as Strategic Broadband Coordinator.

ADC believes Mr. Chang’s extensive management experience will be
instrumental in leading this division. Furthermore, ADC is confident Mr. Chang
has the knowledge and skills required to serve as Strategic Broadband
Coordinator and we respectfully ask for your consideration and support of his
nomination.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

Testimony of
Mary Alice Evans
Waimanalo, Hawaii

GM 605
Nomination of **Chung I. Chang** as
Strategic Broadband Coordinator
Hawaii State Broadband Equity Office
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
Thursday, April 11, 2024, 1:00 PM
Conference Room 229

Chair DeCoite. Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism.

Please **support** the nomination of **Chung Chang** to serve **as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator**. This position serves as the head of the Hawaii State Broadband Equity Office in the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have had the good fortune to work with Chung since 2018 when he joined DBEDT as the State Aerospace Coordinator. He has successfully served in a variety of positions in State Government and the private sector. He has the ability to assume responsibility for new projects; master new information quickly, and move on to achieve the desired outcomes.

Chung served as the DBEDT Deputy Director for over two years. DBEDT programs benefited from his calm and helpful leadership. Chung is an excellent listener and a good communicator.

Chung is a quiet problem-solver who builds teams to get things done. He understands budgets and federal fund requirements. He is committed to closing the broadband divide between urban and rural communities, between families with broadband access and those that struggle to keep up with the transformation to a digital world due to the cost of internet connections and devices.

I urge this Committee's **strong support** for the confirmation of **Chung Chang** as Strategic Broadband Coordinator.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of James Tokioka.

Senator Lynn Decoite, Chair, Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and Committee Members on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

Subject: GM605 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Chung Chang as Strategic Broadband Coordinator, Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

Date, Time: April 11, 2024, 1:00pm

Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 229

From: Burt Lum

Dear Chair Decoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my **strong support** of GM No. 605 for Chung Chang's nomination to serve as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator in the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office (HBDEO) in the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

I've known Mr. Chang for many years dating back to his role as the Aerospace Coordinator, as DBEDT's Deputy Director and as the Ways and Means Committee Clerk. During that time working with Mr. Chang, I've found him to be very supportive, positive, and knowledgeable of the work we've done in the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office (HBDEO) both technical and administrative. Since being a part of HBDEO he has helped to bring focus and insight into the operations of HBDEO and contributed to the strategy and efficiency of the office.

Most importantly, he is a team player and has fostered a high performing team leveraging all of our strengths. I am proud to say for HBDEO, "the whole is greater than the sum of the parts" because of Mr. Chang. He is an excellent choice to lead the HBDEO.

For these and other reasons, I strongly urge Mr. Chang's confirmation as Strategic Broadband Coordinator of HBDEO.

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism Hearing

Date: April 11, 2024
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Where: State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
RE: **SUPPORT of GM605 – Appointment of Chung Chang as Strategic Broadband Coordinator, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism**

Aloha mai e Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee,

As members of the Broadband Hui, the listed organizations and individuals **strongly support GM605, the appointment of Chung Chang as Strategic Broadband Coordinator, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.**

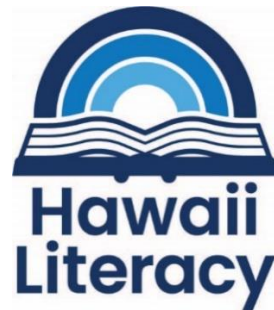
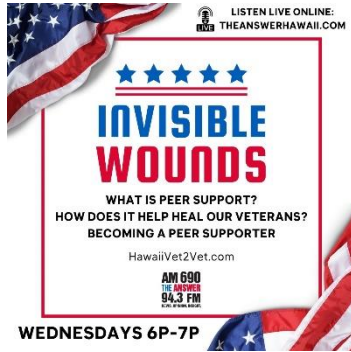
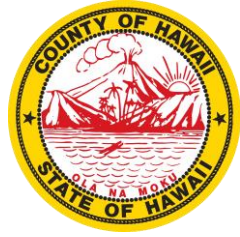
Mr. Chang's resume demonstrates broad, responsible work in both the private sector and government. We have also witnessed his work as the interim coordinator and look forward to working with him on the State's digital equity plan.

For these reasons, we kindly request you support **GM605**.
Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

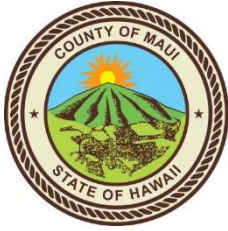
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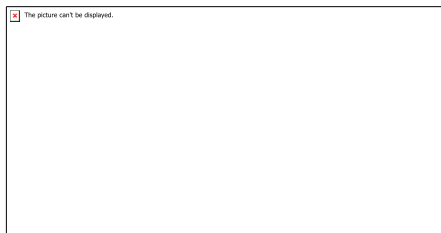
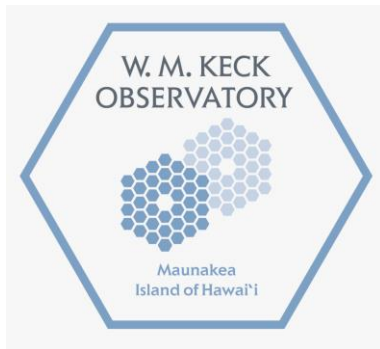
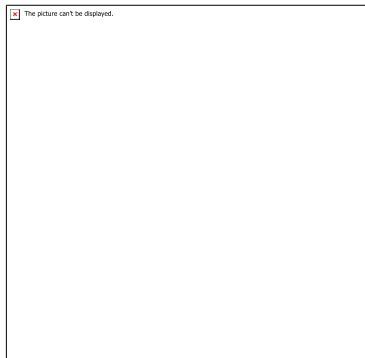
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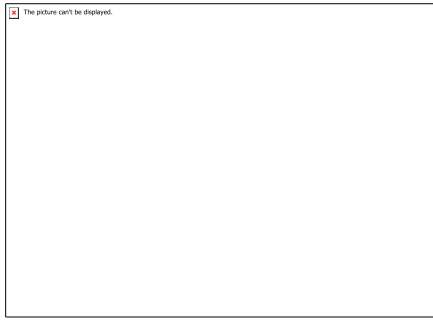
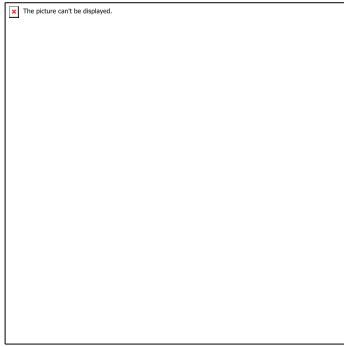
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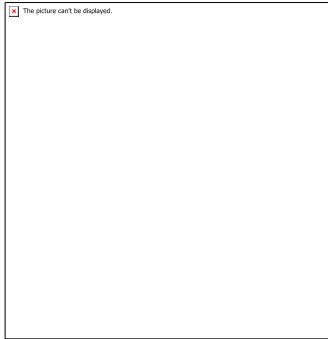
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HEARING BEFORE THE
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TESTIMONY ON GM 605

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Aloha Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau strongly supports the confirmation of Chung Chang as the DBEDT's Strategic Broadband Coordinator.

HFB has had the opportunity to work with Mr. Chung while he served as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, as well as during his tenure as the Committee Clerk for the Senate Ways & Means Committee. Mr. Chung's experience in both the public and private sectors makes him an ideal candidate to continue as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator at the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

We are confident that Mr. Chung is the right person for this position. His experience, expertise, and dedication will continue to be an asset to the DBEDT and the State of Hawai'i.

Please accept our strong support for Mr. Chung Chang as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator at the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

GM-605

Submitted on: 4/8/2024 3:44:18 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/11/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Dear Chair Decoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for GM No. 605, Chung Chang’s nomination to serve as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator in the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office (HBDEO) in the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

I’ve known Mr. Chang for several years, beginning with his work in economic recovery and resilience planning during the COVID-19 pandemic and his time as DBEDT’s Deputy Director. Working with Mr. Chang has always been a pleasure, his clarity of purpose and ability to prioritize tasks make him a productive leader. Leveraging his experience in economic recovery planning with broadband and digital equity planning has been a natural fit. In his current role as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator he has moved HBDEO forward and positioned the team to receive upcoming federal funding. I look forward to continuing the important work of securing funding for digital equity programs in Hawaii in order to serve our rural and underserved communities. He is an excellent candidate to lead the HBDEO.

I strongly support Mr. Chang’s confirmation as Strategic Broadband Coordinator of the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**
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Statement of
DAVID J. SIKKINK, Administrator
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Thursday, April 11, 2024
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

In consideration of
Governor's Message 605

The consideration and confirmation as
the Strategic Broadband Coordinator of
Chung I Chang,
for the term to expire December 07, 2026.

Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in **SUPPORT** for GM605, the consideration and confirmation of **CHUNG I. CHANG** to serve as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator.

I have had the privilege of working with Chung for several years, first as a colleague as the DBEDT Aerospace Industry Coordinator, then as the Deputy Director of DBEDT, and currently as the Broadband Coordinator. I have found him to be a very conscientious, committed individual, dedicated to helping move the state's economic initiatives forward. He has an extensive record of success in both the public and private sectors, and is an effective communicator, competent leader, and a creative problem solver. As Deputy Director for DBEDT, he helped to successfully navigate the state's economic development department through the COVID-19 pandemic and was instrumental in establishing the plan to move Hawaii back to economic health.

The Foreign-Trade Zone Division respectfully requests your confirmation and appointment of **CHUNG I. CHANG** to serve as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.





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An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Written Only

Statement of
Gregory P. Barbour
Executive Director
Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority
before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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in consideration of

GM 605 RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF CHUNG CHANG AS THE STRATEGIC BROADBAND COORDINATOR

I am pleased to provide testimony in strong support of Chung Chang for the position of Strategic Broadband Coordinator in the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have worked closely with Mr. Chang over the past several years in his position as Deputy Director and Coordinator of the Hawaii Office of Aerospace Development. His experience and understanding of government, technology, property management, and large organizations provides him with perfect qualifications for this important position. In working with him, it is very clear that he has a very detailed knowledge of the workings of government, building teams and the different role of each agency in DBEDT.

In addition, he has represented DBEDT on the NELHA Board of Directors recently and I have valued his opinion on critical issues facing NELHA. His practical realistic assessment of issues and straight-forward thinking has been invaluable in this regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority

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Testimony of

Gwen Yamamoto Lau, Executive Director

Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority

before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of **GM NO. 605**

**Confirmation of the Strategic Broadband Coordinator, Department of Business
Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHUNG CHANG**

Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of Governor's Message 605, for Gubernatorial Nominee, Chung Chang, as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

As a former small business owner, former Deputy Director of DBEDT and former Ways and Means staffer, Mr. Chang brings a wealth of experience to this position, ranging from pragmatic business experience and expertise to economic development to navigating the legislative funding process. Always consistently respectful and professional, Mr. Chang's implementation strengths range from the high-level vision needed to coordinate the state's broadband needs, to collaborating with broadband stakeholders, to his ability to communicate on a one-on-one basis with community members on a grassroots level.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and offer support and comments for Governor's Message 605.

Written Statement of
Jeannine Souki, Senior Manager – Government & Regulatory Affairs

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
& TOURISM**

April 11, 2024, 1 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

**SUPPORT FOR:
G.M. 605 – APPOINTMENT OF CHUNG CHANG AS STRATEGIC BROADBAND
COORDINATOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &
TOURISM**

To: Sen. Lynn DeCoite, Chair
Sen. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

Re: Testimony providing support for GM 605

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members:

As a Senior Manager for Government and Regulatory Affairs for Hawaiian Telcom, I am writing in support of G.M. 605 for the consideration and confirmation of Chung Chang as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

As the interim Strategic Broadband Coordinator, I have found Mr. Chang to be dedicated and motivated to work on behalf of the interests of the communities he serves. Mr. Chang has collaboratively and competently overseen the work of advancing the State's Digital Equity Plan, which will provide an infusion of resources to the state in closing digital gaps with services to educate and equip Hawaii's covered populations to participate in the digital economy more fully.

Mr. Chang's previous work in the private sector, executive and legislative branches of government provides him with the background and experience needed to advance the work of the State's Broadband and Digital Equity Office and the execution of the state's plan supplement by a historic infusion of resources provided through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

For these reasons, we urge your support of GM 605. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Subject: GM605 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Chung Chang as Strategic Broadband Coordinator, Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

Date, Time: Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:00 PM

Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 229

From: Cara Binger

Dear Chair Decoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for GM No. 605, Chung Chang's nomination to serve as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator in the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office (HBDEO) in the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

I've known Mr. Chang since he joined HBDEO. During this short time, he has always been supportive, knowledgeable, and his clarity of purpose and ability to prioritize tasks make him a productive leader. Leveraging his experience in economic recovery planning with broadband and digital equity planning has been a natural fit. In his current role as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator, he has moved HBDEO forward and positioned the team to receive upcoming federal funding. He is an excellent candidate to lead the HBDEO.

I strongly support Mr. Chang's confirmation as Strategic Broadband Coordinator of the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2024 2:46:46 PM

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Lauren Primiano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

My name is Lauren Primiano and I stand in strong support of the confirmation of Chung Chang as Strategic Broadband Coordinator of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

I've had the opportunity to work with Chung while he served as Deputy Director of DBEDT. He stepped in to this role at the onset of the pandemic and provided the department with steadfast leadership during a tumultuous time. He navigated complex economic and personnel issues with both urgency and care.

During our work together, we also met with numerous organizations to hear first-hand what they were experiencing during the pandemic. Chung approached every conversation with utmost respect and humility -- listening before speaking -- and exhibited a deep understanding of the challenges that were expressed.

Chung is a person of action. He oversaw the large sums of federal and state resources allocated for critical recovery projects to address the devastating effects of the pandemic on our economy. He ensured the use of these resources was purposeful and outcome-driven, and importantly, an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

In sum, Chung is a hard working and responsible leader who holds himself accountable to the utmost standard with the public's interests at heart. I believe these qualities make him an excellent choice to advance broadband access and digital equity initiatives as the state's Strategic Broadband Coordinator. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,
Lauren Primiano