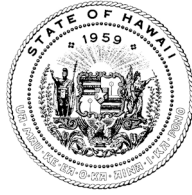


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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

SENATE BILL 135 SD2  
RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATION

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee:

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) supports this bill, which requires ETS to establish a working group and conduct a study to identify state office buildings that are able to provide equitable telecommunication access to allow residents of the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and residents of rural areas in the city and county of Honolulu, including residents with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative hearings.

We look forward to working collaboratively with the members of the working group.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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March 15, 2021

The House Committee on Higher Education & Technology  
State Capitol  
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Dear Chair Gregg Takayama, Vice-Chair Lynn DeCoite, and Honorable Members of the Committee on Higher Education and Technology:

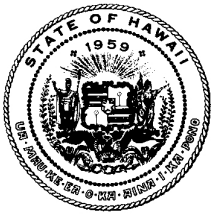
SUBJECT: SB135 SD2, Relating to Telecommunication

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SB135 SD2.

SB135 SD2 establishes a working group to identify State office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to underserved areas throughout the State for the purposes of participation in legislative hearings.

The City and County of Honolulu is committed to work alongside the State of Hawaii on the provision of equitable telecommunication access to our remote and underserved communities. The City and County of Honolulu embraces open and honest communication with the public and sees telecommunication access as a big part of enabling these discussions.

As such, we **strongly urge passage of SB135 SD2**. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.



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### TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

#### Senate Bill 135, SD2 – Relating to Telecommunication

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports Senate Bill 135, SD2, which requires the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to establish a working group and conduct a study to determine appropriate state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow residents and residents with disabilities from the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui and rural areas of the City and County of Honolulu to remotely participate in legislative hearings.

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires state and local governments to provide equal access for individuals who are disabled when providing services, programs, or activities. When it comes to 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, especially those with communication disabilities.

SD2 of this measure includes the requirement to establish a working group. To the extent where the working group considers disability access, persons with communication disabilities should be represented on the working group to ensure minimum ADA requirements are met. Communication disabilities include deafness, hearing loss, blindness, and vision impairment. All aspects of remote participation in legislative hearings must be equally accessible, including the ability to provide testimony and follow legislative proceedings, which are required, in addition to making hearing notices and other legislative documents accessible.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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