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SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
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SENATE BILL 135
RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Dear Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the committee:

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) supports this bill, which requires ETS to conduct a study to determine appropriate state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow residents to remotely participate in legislative hearings for the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui and rural areas of the City and County of Honolulu.

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



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COMMENTS TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senate Bill 135 – Relating to Telecommunication

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) offers comments on Senate Bill 135, which requires the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to conduct a study to determine appropriate state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow residents to remotely participate in legislative hearings for the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui and rural areas of the City and County of Honolulu.

DCAB offers comments to ensure compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires state and local governments to provide equal access for individuals who are disabled when providing services, programs, or activities, especially persons with communication access needs.

As it concerns SB 135 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 this opportunity to provide comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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SB-135

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Comments:

Support. Study may result in more accessibility to legislative hearings, especially significant in view of COVID-19 and its social distancing limitations.