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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Madam President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, Hawai'i Broadband Task Force Final Report.

Act 2, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2007, created the Hawai'i Broadband Task Force to 1) assess the removal of barriers to increasing broadband access, 2) identify opportunities for increased broadband deployment, and 3) enable the creation and deployment of new advanced communication technologies in Hawai'i. The Office of the Auditor was charged with providing the task force with research and administrative support. This final report includes the task force's findings, conclusions and recommendations for the Legislature and the State.

We will place the report on our website, <u>www.state.hi.us/auditor</u>, and release it to the public and press, on Wednesday, December 31, 2008.

Sincerely,

Marion M. Higa State Auditor

Enclosure

c: Carol Taniguchi, Senate Clerk