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before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS &  
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

7:30 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 312

**SB 1680 SD 2**  
**RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, and Members of the House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business and Military Affairs.

DBEDT supports SB 1680 SD 2; however we defer to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs as to the technical details of this measure.

High speed broadband service has become essential infrastructure for an idea-based innovation economy and a key source of competitive economic advantage. Improved broadband service will with this bill, also help Hawaii's economy and improve services from the public sector. Hawaii has an opportunity to deploy world class broadband service and re-establish itself as a key node in the worldwide telecommunication network.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

SB1680 SD2  
Relating To Technology

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Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
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House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs

Comments on SB 1680, SD 2 Relating To Technology

My name is Robert T. Tanimura and I am testifying on behalf of Verizon on SB 1680, SD 2, "A Bill For An Act Relating To Technology." Verizon offers the following comments on SB 1680, SD 2:

Verizon supports the establishment of state policy to promote broadband access but has several concerns about this bill.

- Infrastructure Sharing. Even though infrastructure sharing was made one of the centerpieces of the Hawaii Broadband Task Force Report recommendations, little is known about exactly how this is supposed to work. Korea and Japan has been touted as examples of countries that have deployed a lot of fiber and require sharing, but other countries such as France are finding that sharing is an impediment to fiber deployment because it reduces the incentive for companies to invest in network upgrades. Last week, Saul Hansell, the editor for the New York Times Bits blog and for technology coverage on nytimes.com, posted an informative series of blogs on the broadband gap. He found that Korea and Japan have deployed a lot of fiber, not because of infrastructure sharing but because of heavy government assistance in the form of tax breaks, direct subsidies, and low cost loans. In other words, Asian-style national industrial policy, not sharing, is responsible for fiber deployment in these countries.

Verizon recommends that references to infrastructure sharing on pages 2 and 4 be deleted. This is not to suggest that infrastructure sharing cannot be considered (subject to limitations imposed by federal preemption), only that it needs to be studied in much greater detail before it is adopted as state policy.

- Encouraging Private Investment. The most effective way to increase broadband deployment is to create an environment that is conducive to private investment. Companies such as Verizon and AT&T have demonstrated that this approach can work, not only in the building of the next generation wireless broadband network that will be capable of delivering up to 60 Mbps download speeds, but in fiber upgrades such as

Verizon's FiOS and AT&T's U-Verse. Similarly, cable companies are expected to upgrade their networks to the faster Docsis 3 standard. In the long run, this kind of robust competition between technological platforms will be much more dynamic than government mandated solutions.

However, government involvement that can be effective in increasing private investments through tax incentives, direct subsidies, and low cost loans. As such, Verizon agrees that the provisions included in section 75 of the bill will help facilitate the state's ability to utilize federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

A large problem for private investment in broadband in Hawaii is that its largest telecom carrier, Hawaiian Telcom is currently bankrupt. A company that is in bankruptcy will obviously have difficulty financing network upgrades. It is important that any regulatory reorganization that is undertaken does not disrupt work related to this bankruptcy.

Hawaiian Telcom is also one of the most heavily regulated carriers in the nation, which exacerbates the problem of lack of financial resources. Verizon supports the provisions in section 38 that would reduce the amount of regulation for telecom carriers including Hawaiian Telcom.

- Single Commissioner. Verizon is concerned about the concentration of power in a single individual. A multi-person panel such as the current Public Utilities Commission allows for a greater diversity of backgrounds and ideas and provides for an appropriate balance in decision making. For that reason, it is extremely rare in this country that an agency responsible for telecommunications policy is headed by a single person.
- Increased Fees. Verizon objects to the provision in section 51 (a) that would increase the regulatory fee to .30%. One of the goals of this legislation is to streamline regulations and reduce cost. Increasing the regulatory fee to .30% is inconsistent with this goal. Verizon recommends that the regulatory fee remain at .25%.
- New Fees. Verizon also objects to the provision in section 51 (c) that would give the commission discretion to impose additional fees on telecom carriers. This provision is virtually open-ended and does not in any way limit the discretion of the commissioner to impose burdensome fees on carriers, nor does it require any kind of benefit cost analysis be conducted to justify these new fees. This effectively confers more power to tax than any government agency should be allowed to have. Verizon recommends that this provision be removed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**From:** John Bruce [jonthebru@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 7:41 PM  
**To:** EBMtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of SB 1680 With PEG Protection amendments.

The House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business and Military Affairs (EBM) chaired by Angus McKelvey, will hear Senate Bill 1680 March 17, 2009, 7:30 AM in House conference Room 312 Testimony from John Bruce Haiku, Hawaii. Akaku Board Member.

Support of SB 1680, Relating to Technology with "PEG Protection Amendments"

If you support personal expression and "Freedom Of Speech" and a positive give and take regarding all views and information, the amendments MUST be included.

I strongly support Senate Bill No. 1680 Relating to Technology with Amendments provided that the recommendations of the HCR358 Task Force Report and the PEG Access protection language included in 440G be fully incorporated into this proposed legislation or alternatively, the language included in HB984 HD2 be reinserted in the public interest. (see Appendix A attached)

Your committee in HB984 HD2 recognized that preservation and protection of Public, Educational and Government Access extends to broadband and is an essential component of bringing Hawaii into the forefront of the digital age. Our ability to communicate effectively with each other will only succeed if the fullest range of local community communications needs such as access to bandwidth, tools, skills and ideas on a fast, open internet are met for ALL residents at reasonable cost. Media literacy, digital education and access to spectrum are the underpinnings of broadband development. PEG access centers already in place, will provide cost effective resources and tools to accomplish these goals and bring digital literacy to all of our people.

Community Television operations in Hawaii are recognized as some of the best in the nation. This success is due to the fact that in 1987, the Hawaii Legislature followed the lead of the Federal Government by adopting and putting into effect a "best practice" integrated PEG model whereby independent non profits created for this specific purpose provided low cost media training to the public, enable broadcast of local, state and native government affairs, support private and public educational programming and allowed freedom of expression from diverse and varied sources. Akaku has been empowering local democratic voices without censorship, corporate control or commercial consideration for more than fifteen years and are perfectly positioned to have an immediate positive impact on Hawaii's broadband future. This is why it makes perfect sense that the PEG language currently in 440G travel to the legislation that will replace it.

This is particularly important because Akaku has been an early adopter of real world broadband applications. Not only were we the first media organization in Hawaii to stream video in the late nineties, we were also innovators in 2007 with the first live, simultaneous multicasts via radio, television and web broadcasts of events of public importance to the entire state. We continue to stream our channels and our "Hawaiian themed" radio station broadcasts via the internet to the state and world at large. We were among the first in the nation to integrate live TV broadcasts with "skype" technology from Lanai and Molokai and as far away as Washington D.C and we provide our Maui Nui residents with one of the more successful and innovative new media and video training programs in the state.

Despite these successes there are a few in the Administration and others who, for reasons that are unclear, wish to separate the current PEG framework from broadband entirely. This shortsighted point of view is without merit and contrary to emergent national broadband policy. It is designed to persuade decision makers to abdicate more than thirty-five years of progressive community communications policy in the public interest. Failure to include PEG protection language in SB1680 will have a devastating effect on the public's ability to enjoy an open internet, severely damage the prospect of a healthy electronic forum for democracy, deepen the digital divide and potentially cut off an existing, highly functional engine for broadband adoption by Hawaii residents.

The issue of cable franchise fees and, by extension, future broadband fees being assessed for PEG 2.0 and other public interest use in exchange for the use of public rights of way is a fundamental tenet of U.S. Communications Law. This is the reason why we have public access channels on cable today. These local, non-commercial, non-corporate communications systems exist because the government intervened in the marketplace to charge monopoly cable companies "rent" for the use of our airwaves and our public property.

More than a decade of regulatory disregard for this fundamental right of local communities to express themselves through access to media has resulted in an alarming concentration of ownership and corporate control over virtually all media. In the past two years we have seen the elimination of PEG access stations across the country fueled by a sophisticated state by state lobbying campaign by media conglomerates such as AT&T, Comcast and Time Warner. It is fair to say, were it not for the PEG protection language in 440G, the attack on Hawaii PEGs by the Administration may well have succeeded. This is why SB 1680 needs to be amended with specific language to guarantee that, at minimum, the regulatory framework that currently exists with PEG access applies to community broadband as well.

In its recent report to the 2009 Legislature, the HCR358 Task Force submitted administrative rules that if incorporated into SB1680 as amendments will resolve in one fell swoop, any perceived procurement controversy, current regulatory "standard less discretion" issues; provide performance and accountability for PEGs, resolve issues before DCCA, SPO and the courts as well as set metrics for PEG Access designation.

Obviously in the broadband future, we will see new digital protocols for delivery of many services. For this reason and more it is imperative for the legislature to safeguard our ability to communicate effectively in these new environments by providing specific language for healthy PEG migration to broadband in order to foster an enlightened regulatory framework.

**Without protective language, these community communications assets are in jeopardy.** Currently there are petitions before the FCC from the Cities of Dearborn and Lansing, Michigan and others challenging discriminatory treatment for PEG access by cable giants, Comcast and AT&T. The FCC and Congress are also looking at **harm being done** to the concepts of localization and community media by regressive state and local governments who are rolling back public interest obligations of cable and telephone companies under massive industry pressure and influence.

We agree with the new FCC and the Obama administration that there is a place for non-commercial, fully local, community broadband media access as a natural extension of the PEG concept. We applaud amendments to this effect inserted into this legislation in order to protect and stabilize PEG access in Hawaii while at the same time assuring full accountability to the government and to the people in each franchise jurisdiction.

Provided that neighbor island, community and public interest media are included in the equation, this broadband initiative can go a long way toward bringing all Hawaii residents into a digitally inclusive future.

Certain corrupt elements within our state government are preventing citizen will from taking place. We know who the people are and know some elected officials have taken their side. This is wrong and corrupt. It is a

dirty political trick. **Do not allow this to happen.** While you are at it, order an audit of the DCCA and all its corrupt employees.

John Bruce

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**From:** rob hilbun [allset@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2009 7:46 AM  
**To:** EBMtestimony  
**Subject:** Please protect our free speech Public Access TV

Now, more than ever we need free public access, when all the media conglomerates have turned the news into entertainment and the only war they are really interested in getting right is the ratings war against the other networks. We all know way more about Pairs, Brittany, Lindsey and steroid use in the professional sports world than most of us really know about the complexities of Afghanistan and Iraq?

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2009 12:11 PM  
**To:** EBMtestimony  
**Cc:** michael@permaculturemaui.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB1680 on 3/17/2009 7:30:00 AM

Testimony for EBM 3/17/2009 7:30:00 AM SB1680

Conference room: 312  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 3/17/2009

**Comments:**

I am strongly in support of statutory guarantees for PEG access, and keeping Akaku on Maui in its present form. Akaku has played a vital role in disseminating information about the workings of our governmental bodies, and needs to be maintained.

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Testimony in Support of SB1680/HB984, Relating to Technology,

with PEG PROTECTION Amendments.

Netra Halperin

Economic revitalization, business and Military affairs

March 17, 2009

Aloha Chair McKelvey and members of the committee,

My name is Netra Halperin. As a resident of Hawaii I support broadband technologies and I also support language to protect public access and community television being inserted into the broadband bill.

I support SB1680/HB984, with amendments that consider increased funding and broadband improvements for our islands' public, educational and governmental (PEG) access organizations because of their benefit to rural and urban communities.

As a Maui county council Candidate, I have personally received great benefit from Akaku community television. I have taken their classes on television production, produced my own programs and then aired them on Akaku. Other bills talk about campaign reform, of the need to make the ability to run for office open to new candidates who aren't wealthy. Akaku is already contributing to campaign finance reform. Their classes cost almost nothing. Use of their professional quality equipment, editing lab and air-time do cost nothing. Maui, especially because the County council members are elected by at large voting, and it isn't possible to meet all of the constituents personally, needs to have media available for new candidates, with new ideas to even have a chance.

Additionally, while I have been here in the Capitol, Olelo producers of Capitol Commentary have come to the office of the legislator for whom I work and filmed her and I, contributing greatly to the free exchange between lawmakers, candidates and the people of Hawaii.

Olelo also aires many of these hearings for public benefit, as does Akaku air County Council meetings.

Please amend SB1680/HB984 to also protect PEG access. These services will support not just Maui's rural communities on outer islands, but all of Hawaii's diverse communities.

Thank you for hearing my testimony.

**From:** John Bartlome [sleepyjohnb@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2009 5:40 AM  
**To:** EBMtestimony  
**Subject:** HCC

I am writing to encourage the inclusion of PEG language in the law establishing the HCC(Hawaiian Communication Commission). The PEG process is an important part of the public input to the "market place of ideas". A healthy "market place" promotes the free and open exchange of ideas. This exchange in turn nourishes democracy. Including the PEG process with the HCC keeps our democracy on track.

Thank you John Bartlome Kula HI.

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Thank you.

*Renee Sakurada*

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Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy DeWae DeLisi". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Thank you."

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*João F. de Souza*

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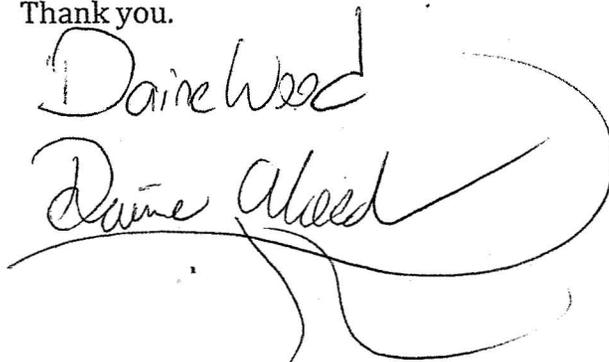
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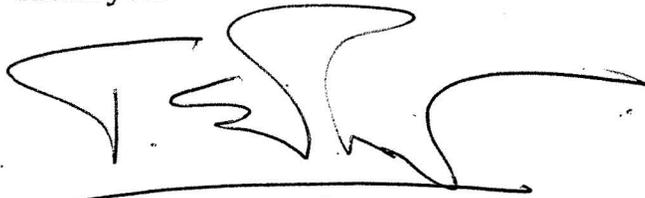
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Clint Carter, Mountain View Hawaii

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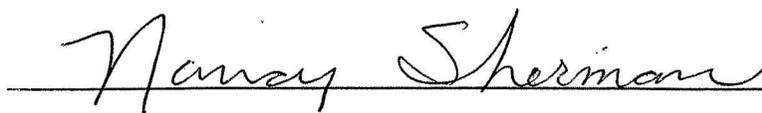
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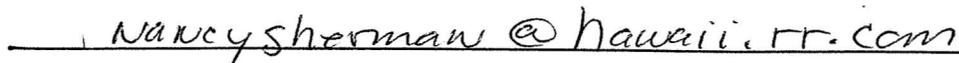
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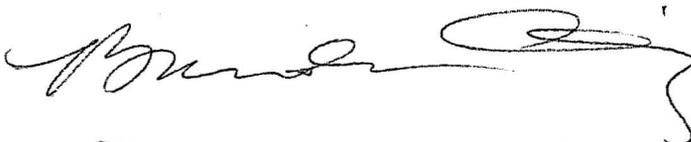
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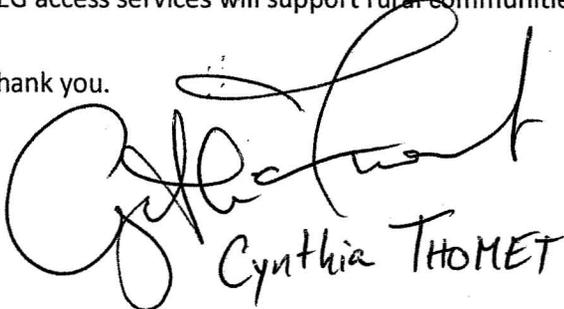
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Mahalo

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I am a concerned resident of Hawaii, who supports broadband technologies and also supports community access television-the missing link in HB984.

Please accept this email as my testimony in support of HB984, Relating to Technology, with amendments that consider increased funding and broadband improvements for our islands' public, educational and governmental (PEG) access organizations because of their benefit to rural communities.

Thanks to internet technologies, I was able to appreciate the value that PEG access organizations can contribute to communities at the local level. Akaku: Maui Community Television made it possible for Maui residents to participate in the democratic process in a meaningful way. In fact, during the elections season, I realized how much Akaku is like a digital community center, where the voices of television viewers and internet surfers like me can be on a level playing field with the voices of politicians, media watchdogs, and community opinion leaders.

For the first time in the history of Maui, residents witnessed the first live broadcasts from such rural areas as Moloka'i, Lana'i and Hana-the underserved communities and areas that would benefit most from expanded broadband technologies-on the night of the State Primaries. Imagine, real voices from rural areas were heard in real-time on elections nights-all thanks to internet technologies!

The role that PEG access centers play in enabling a real-time on-the-air conversation between all of Hawaii's islands open up a world of possibilities for bringing rural voices to the digital discussion.

I hope that lawmakers will do what's right and ensure that the public continues to have a say in what happens to our "public rights of way". Thoughtful broadband legislation with amendments that enhance PEG access services will support rural communities across all of Hawaii's diverse communities.

Thank you.

*Wyatt Hall*

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Lola CORRAO  
WAILUKU HEIGHTS, MAUI

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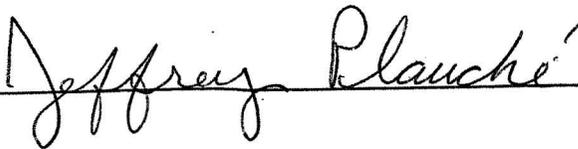
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*Robert Jeffcoat* *jeffcoat007@gmail.com*

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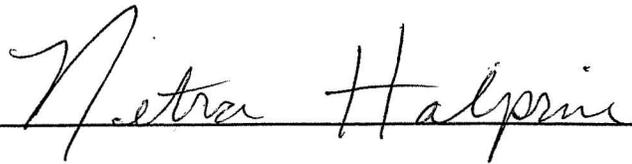
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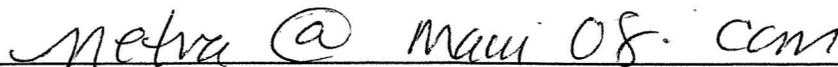
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