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Comments:

Aloha Esteemed Members of the Legislature,

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of SB256. While the current economic conditions may seem unfavorable to this bill, it is my belief that the long-term benefits will outweigh and short-sighted adverse effects. As a student of Hawaii Community College, I am enrolled in an ITV course- in which cameras, speakers, microphones and other modes of telecommunication are present- so that students enrolled in the same class from Kailua-Kona will be " present". I see this bill as a step to narrowing the gap between the generally abundant job market in Kona to the lower job market in Hilo. I also am employed part-time with a company that is based out of Kailua-Kona and telecommute to work via e-mail, telephone and fax. I respectfully ask that you vote YES on the bill- because with more innovate mesaures such as telecommuting we can increase college enrollment, employment and malama aina all at the same time. Mahalo for your time.

Best, Rodolfo J Mendoza Hilo, HI