A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 440G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- and to read as follows:

 4 "§440G- Designation of access organizations for PEG

 5 access channels. (a) The director may designate an access

 6 organization to oversee the development, operation, supervision,
- 7 management, production, and broadcasting of programs of public,
- 8 educational, or governmental access facilities obtained under
- 9 section 440G-8; provided that the designation shall be exempt
- 10 from chapter 103D; and provided further that the director shall
- 11 establish the requirements for the designation of an access
- organization pursuant to rules adopted under chapter 91.
- 13 (b) The director shall ensure that the terms and
- 14 conditions required of the operation of an access organization
- 15 designated under subsection (a) are fair to the public, taking
- 16 into account the geographic, topographic, and economic

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1	characteristics of the service area and the economics of
2	providing cable access in the service area.
3	(c) Any decision designating, modifying, or rescinding a
4	designation of an access organization or the requirements
5	therefor shall first be submitted to the cable advisory
6	committee for advice under section 440G-13."
7	SECTION 2. Section 440G-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended to read as follows:
9	"§440G-13 Cable advisory committee. (a) There is
10	established the cable advisory committee. The committee shall
11	consist of five members appointed by the governor as provided in
12	section 26-34.
13	The committee shall advise [the]:
14	(1) The director [and], cable operators, and access
15	organizations on matters within the jurisdiction of
16	this chapter at the request of the director $[\Theta r]_{\underline{r}}$ any
17	cable operator [+] , or any access organization; and
18	(2) The director on any decision designating, modifying,
19	or rescinding a designation of an access organization
20	or the requirements therefor, as provided in section
21	440G

- 1 (b) The members of the committee shall serve without pay
- 2 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses
- 3 while attending meetings and while in discharge of their
- 4 duties."
- 5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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Cable Television Systems; Access Organizations; Cable Advisory Committee; Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Description:

Allows the director of commerce and consumer affairs to designate an access organization to oversee public, educational, and governmental channels on cable television.