



February 25, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

Committee: Testimony to the House Committee on Finance  
Bill No. & Title: HB632 HD2, Relating to Open Data

Date, Time: Monday, February 25, 2013, 1:30 p.m.  
Place: State Capitol, Room 308

Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair Aaron Ling Johanson and Members of the Committee on Finance:

I am Burt Lum, Executive Director of Hawaii Open Data, a non-profit dedicated to advancing open data principles in Hawaii and creating collaborative environments that foster civic innovation. Formed in 2012, we focus on improving data accessibility and integrity in support of public/private collaboration, government transparency and civic engagement.

Hawaii Open Data **strongly supports HB632 HD2, Relating to Open Data**. This Bill is a cornerstone to Hawaii's IT Transformation Plan. In addition to open data being a key element in a national movement for open government and transparency, it is a fundamental building block for **open innovation** in a collaborative, citizen-facing environment. Websites like Data.Hawaii.Gov and Data.Honolulu.Gov are in place for public access and interaction. It is an opportunity for government to co-create the delivery of services with the community it serves. This process will also fuel economic development in the technology sector.

The State of Hawaii clearly supports making government more open and transparent. Gov. Abercrombie said in his State of the State Address that he seeks to "allow state government to operate more transparently and efficiently." And with the endorsement of the Governor, OIMT (Office of Information Management and Technology) launched its Open Data Initiative on June 26, 2012. OIMT has defined the platform and is already working with departments in determining best practices to open more government data for public use.

Hawaii Open Data believes that setting a standard for open data sets in legislation will help frame future development as well as clarify how data is viewed by the government agencies. Data should not be a product to deliver. It's a product of government's day-to-day activities, ultimately owned by the constituents it serves. Government agencies are stewards of civic data.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

David Kho, M.D.

c/o: University of Hawai'i, John A. Burns School of Medicine

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February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

RE: Testimonial In Support of HB 632

Dear Representatives Luke, Nishimoto, Johanson, and esteemed Legislators of the Committee on Finance,

I am writing in support of HB 632 relating to Open Data.

In addition to being a physician and medical educator on faculty at the University of Hawai'i, I have formal training as an informaticist and a background in Healthcare Information Technology (Health IT). From both the medical and IT perspectives, having readily-accessible, standards-compliant data is crucial in our efforts to increase efficiency, improve quality and decrease wastage in the implementation of Health IT to facilitate the delivery of healthcare. HB 632 establishes a framework towards Open Data, and comes at a critical time as our State implements measures brought about by statewide initiatives and nationwide legislation including the Affordable Care Act. The timeframe for us to do so is exceedingly tight, and consequently there is need for urgent action.

Your support of HB 632 is vital.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David Kho', with a stylized, flowing script.

David Kho, M.D.



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HB 632, HD 2 Relating to Open Data

TESTIMONY

Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee Member, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Honorable Sylvia Luke and Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB 632, HD 2.** We believe the bill has been appropriately amended to facilitate implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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### HB632

Submitted on: 2/23/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terrilani Chong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB632 HD2, Relating to Open Data. This Bill is a cornerstone to Hawaii's IT Transformation Plan. In addition to open data being a key element in a national movement for open government and transparency, it is a fundamental building block for open innovation in a collaborative, citizen-facing environment. Websites like Data.Hawaii.Gov and Data.Honolulu.Gov are in place for public access and interaction. It is an opportunity for government to co-create the delivery of services with the community it serves. This process will also fuel economic development in the technology sector. The State of Hawaii clearly supports making government more open and transparent. Gov. Abercrombie said in his State of the State Address that he seeks to "allow state government to operate more transparently and efficiently." And with the endorsement of the Governor, OIMT (Office of Information Management and Technology) launched its Open Data Initiative on June 26, 2012. OIMT has defined the platform and is already working with departments in determining best practices to open more government data for public use. I believe that setting a standard for open data sets in legislation will help frame future development as well as clarify how data is viewed by the government agencies. Data should not be a product to deliver. It's a product of government's day-to-day activities, ultimately owned by the constituents it serves. Government agencies are stewards of civic data. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

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### **HB632**

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

### Comments:

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### **HB632**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Ozawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I and my colleagues at Hawaii Open Data strongly support this bill, relating to Open Data. Open data is a growing national movement growing open government and transparency, and it is also has great potential as a driver of innovation and economic development in fields that serve all citizens. This bill is also a cornerstone of Hawaii's IT Transformation Plan.

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