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TESTIMONY OF SANJEEV "SONNY" BHAGOWALIA, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, February 28, 2013 9:35 a.m. Conference Room 211 State Capitol

S.B. 369

RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 369.

The Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT) applauds the efforts of the legislature to embrace technology in order to encourage and engage neighbor island residents in the legislative process and therefore strongly supports the intent S.B. 369. OIMT provides the following comments for consideration.

As identified in the Business and Information Technology/Information Resource Management (IT/IRM) Transformation Plan, OIMT will also be using technology to increase and encourage citizen participation with State government. It is OIMT's understanding that pilot videoconferencing projects are being conducted with select committees in the Legislature and that this bill would expand the videoconferencing capabilities to all committees in both the House and Senate.

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As such, we recommend that CIO spearhead this effort in working with the legislature, the Department of Accounting and General Services, and other stakeholders to ensure that the potential audiovisual and videoconference technology solutions meet the technical requirements of the State's network, adhere to best practices, interface or are compatible with multiple platforms, and are provided the appropriate support resources. Additionally, the appropriation should be expended by the CIO to reflect this responsibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Being voted on 2/28 @ 9:35 in room 211 should be passed as SB 369 assures ample inclusion from neighbor island residents in all legislative matters and SB 381 is the first step in clarifying voting accuracy.

Mahalo for your consideration-

Cynthia Frith, Kailua resident