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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read  
3 as follows:

4                   **"PART II. COMMITTEE HEARINGS, GENERALLY**

5           **§21-        Videoconferencing; rules.** Each chamber of the  
6 legislature shall establish, by rule, procedures to enable the  
7 legislature to receive live oral testimony from neighbor island  
8 residents at legislative committee hearings through the use of  
9 audio or audiovisual technology. Each chamber of the  
10 legislature shall seek out executive agency sites or facilities  
11 which have existing audio and audiovisual capabilities that  
12 could be used to allow neighbor island residents to present live  
13 testimony from the neighbor islands."

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 21 is amended by designating sections  
15 21-1 to 21-19 as part I, entitled:

16                   **"PART I. INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES, GENERAL POWERS, AND**  
17                               **DUTIES OF SERGEANT-AT ARMS"**



1 SECTION 3. Section 21-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§21-1 Purpose.** The purpose of this [~~chapter~~] part is to  
4 establish procedures governing legislative investigating  
5 committees to provide for the creation and operation of  
6 legislative investigating committees in a manner [~~which~~] that  
7 will enable them to perform properly the powers and duties  
8 vested in them, including the conduct of hearings, in a fair and  
9 impartial manner, consistent with protection of the  
10 constitutional rights of persons called to testify at such  
11 hearings and preservation of the public good."

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the  
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
16 2014-2015 for establishing audiovisual technology throughout the  
17 State to enable neighbor island residents to present oral  
18 testimony at legislative committee hearings.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
20 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Audiovisual Technology; Videoconferencing; Legislative Hearings; Testimony; Teleconferencing; Neighbor Islands

**Description:**

Requires both chambers of the Legislature to implement rules to enable the Legislature to receive live oral testimony from the neighbor islands through audio or audiovisual technology. Requires each chamber to seek out agency sites that have audio or audiovisual capability that could be used for live testimony. Appropriates funds to establish audiovisual systems throughout the State. (HB358 HD1)

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