

HCR189 HD1

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE BROADBAND ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO CREATE A MASTER PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS IN RESORT AREAS AND OTHER AREAS OF IMPORTANCE THROUGHOUT HAWAII, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Report Title: Broadband; Resort Areas; Universal Wireless Access; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism Working Group

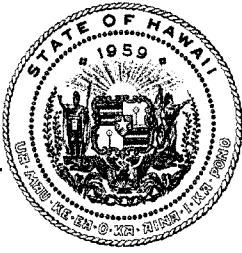
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
Monday, April 20, 2015
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
HCR189, HD1
**REQUESTING THE BROADBAND ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO CREATE
A MASTER PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND
ACCESS IN RESORT AREAS AND OTHER AREAS OF IMPORTANCE
THROUGHOUT HAWAII, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HONOLULU
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports HCR 189, HD1, requesting the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council to create a master plan to provide universal high-speed broadband access in resort areas and other areas throughout Hawaii including but not limited to Honolulu International Airport and Hawaii Public Schools.

DBEDT agrees that broadband access in resort areas and other areas of importance will help Hawaii become more competitive globally. DBEDT does not have the resources to establish a working group within our department and requesting the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council to create the master plan is the preferred option.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Date: Monday, April 20, 2015
Time: 2:45 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON H.C.R. NO. 189, H.D. 1 – REQUESTING THE BROADBAND ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO CREATE A MASTER PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS IN RESORT AREAS AND OTHER AREAS OF IMPORTANCE THROUGHOUT HAWAII, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

TO THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ji Sook “Lisa” Kim, and I am the Cable Television Administrator at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the “Department”). The Department appreciates the opportunity to express **support** for H.C.R. No. 189, H.D. 1, which requests that the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council (“BAAC”) create a master plan to provide universal high speed broadband access in resort areas and other areas of importance throughout the State, including but not limited to Honolulu International Airport and the Hawaii public schools.

The resolution specifically states that the BAAC is to: (1) develop specific strategies for the establishment of universal high speed broadband access throughout Waikiki and certain named resort areas, the Honolulu International Airport, and Hawaii public schools; and (2) identify best practices to establish a database that identifies current and prospective projects for deploying broadband. The Department supports the intent to plan and coordinate the development of critical broadband infrastructure and the use of the BAAC with additional participation by the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (or his designee); and one representative each from: (1) the Hawaii Tourism Authority; (2) Department of Budget and Finance; (3) the offices of the Mayors of each county; (4) a nonprofit organization representing the hotel

industry; and (5) the Hawaiian Electric Company in the BAAC's working groups. Creation of a master plan as envisioned in this resolution with the input of various stakeholders will help to accelerate the deployment of broadband and telecommunications infrastructure across the State, and will promote the efficient use of government and private resources while minimizing the disruption to the public caused by such deployment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**Testimony before the Senate Committee on
Economic Development and Technology**

**By Paul A. Nakagawa
Superintendent, T&D Infrastructure
Construction and Maintenance Department
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.**

**Monday, April 20, 2015
2:45 pm, Conference Room 224**

**House Concurrent Resolution 189 HD1
Requesting the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council to Create a Master Plan of
Providing Universal High Speed Broadband Access in Resort Areas and Other
Areas of Importance Throughout Hawaii, Including but Not Limited to Honolulu
International Airport and Hawaii Public Schools.**

Chairman Wakai, Vice-Chairman Slom, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Paul Nakagawa and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiaries, Hawaii Electric Light Company and Maui Electric Company.

We support the deployment of high-speed broadband infrastructure in Hawaii, and the efforts of the Legislature and the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council (BAAC) to advance broadband service throughout the state. We also appreciate the work of the House Committee on Economic Development & Business in reviewing and incorporating our request for a representative from Hawaiian Electric to be included in the working group to support the intent of this House Concurrent Resolution 189, HD1.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify on this matter.