A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BROADBAND ACCESS AVAILABILITY IN RESORT AREAS.

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

1	SECTI	ION 1. (a) The department of business, economic
2	developmer	nt, and tourism shall convene a working group to create
3	a master p	plan to provide universal high speed broadband access
4	throughout	Waikiki and other resort areas in the State, such as
5	Kaanapali,	, Maui; Kohala, Hawaii; and Hanalei, Kauai.
6	(b)	Pursuant to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
7	the govern	nor shall appoint to the working group:
8	'(1)	One representative from the department of business,
9		economic development, and tourism;
10	(2)	One representative from the Hawaii tourism authority;
11	(3)	One representative from the cable television division
12		of the department of commerce and consumer affairs;
13	(4)	One representative from the Hawaii state association
14		of counties;
15	(5)	One representative from a nonprofit organization that
16		represents the interests of the Hawaii hotel industry;

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1	(6)	Two representatives of federal and state government
2		entities having a role in infrastructure deployment;
3		management of public rights-of-way, regulation, and
4		franchising; information technology; and economic
5		development; and

- 6 (7) Two representatives of Hawaii's private sector
 7 technology, telecommunications, and investment
 8 industries.
- 9 (c) The representative from the department of business,
 10 economic development, and tourism shall serve as the chairperson
 11 of the task force.
- (d) The department of business, economic development, and tourism shall assist the working group in drafting the master plan.
- 15 (e) Task force members shall serve without compensation
 16 but shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses, including
 17 travel, express that is incurred in the performance of their
 18 duties as members of the task force.
- 19 (f) The working group convened pursuant to this Act shall 20 cease to exist on June 30, 2016.

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- 1 SECTION 2. The working group shall submit the master plan,
- 2 including any proposed legislation, such as appropriation
- 3 requests, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
- 4 the convening of the regular session of 2016.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Task Force; Broadband Availability

Description:

Establishes a task force to create a master plan for the availability of universal high speed broadband access in Waikiki and other resort areas.

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