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**HB756**

Submitted on: 2/10/2015

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Comments:

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House Legislative Management Committee  
Chair Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair John Mizuno

Wednesday 2/11/2015 at 2:00 PM in Room 423  
HB756 Relating to Videoconferencing

TESTIMONY OF SUPPORT  
Carmille Lim, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

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Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Mizuno, and members of the Committee:

**Common Cause Hawaii supports the intent of HB756.**

HB756 would require both legislative chambers to implement legislative rules that would make it possible for neighbor island residents to give live oral testimony through videoconferencing (audio/visual) technology.

Part of Common Cause Hawaii's mission is to encourage public participation in the political process. Our members and supporters often tell us that being geographically distanced from the Capitol (e.g., neighbor island residents, or even residents who live or work on the other side of Oahu) makes it difficult for them to productively participate in the government. Common Cause Hawaii supports this bill because it takes a step forward toward fostering public participation in the political process.

We also ask the Committee to consider these suggestions:

- Ensure that videoconferencing capability is made available to Oahu residents as well – particularly those who work or live on the Leeward side, or North Shore of Oahu.
- Ensure videoconferencing is Americans with Disabilities Act compliant
- Provide clarity that this bill would require videoconferencing in hearings – not merely make videoconferencing possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony **supporting the intent of HB756.**



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**Testimony to the House Committee on Legislative Management  
Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Chair  
Rep. John Mizuno, Vice Chair  
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 423  
HB 756 - Relating to Videoconferencing**

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Mizuno, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, I would like to offer our comments in support of HB 756, which would establish procedures and provide funds for testimony via videoconferencing by neighbor island residents.

Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) is a statewide, sector-wide professional association of nonprofits. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i. Our member organizations provide essential services to every community in the state.

As a statewide organization, HANO believes it is important to engage nonprofit organizations and their communities on all islands throughout the state. Testimony via videoconferencing will make the legislative process more accessible to those who live and work on the neighbor islands and cannot come to the State Capitol in person. We support this effort to improve statewide public participation in our policymaking process.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Mahalo,

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Public Policy Director

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Comments: This is a commonsense bill! Please pass and implement immediately. I lived on the Big island my whole life and was never able to personally testify on state issues.

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