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**SB 2793 SD1**

**RELATING TO BROADBAND**

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Chair Baker and members of the Committee:

I am Ken Hiraki, testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Telcom (HT) on SB 2793 SD1.

Hawaiian Telcom supports SB 2793 SD1 which will extend the provisions of Act 264, SLH 2013, to June 30, 2023. As an active member of the State Broadband Assistance and Advisory Committee, we support legislation designed to accelerate the timely deployment of broadband services throughout the state.

Delays in approving broadband permits result in higher deployment costs and impair Hawaii's ability to effectively compete in the global economy. Approval of SB 2793 SD1 will assist broadband providers to meet the rapidly growing public demand for the most advanced broadband products and services.

Hawaiian Telcom respectfully requests SB 2793 SD1 be passed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

