
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REMOTE TESTIMONY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a remote testimony
2 task force to develop procedures for the public to submit
3 testimony remotely via the Internet during legislative
4 proceedings.
- 5 (b) The task force shall be composed of the following
6 members or their designees:
- 7 (1) A member of the senate to be selected by the senate
8 president;
- 9 (2) A member of the house of representatives to be
10 selected by the speaker of the house;
- 11 (3) The senate clerk;
- 12 (4) The house clerk;
- 13 (5) A representative from the senate data systems office;
- 14 (6) A representative from the house data systems office;
- 15 (7) The coordinator of the public access room of the
16 legislative reference bureau;



1 (8) The chief information officer of the office of
2 enterprise technology services; and

3 (9) A representative that has knowledge and experience
4 with the barriers faced by hearing or vision impaired
5 people.

6 (c) The members of the task force shall elect a
7 chairperson from the members.

8 (d) The task force shall develop procedures to make
9 available remote testimony technology that enables the public to
10 submit oral testimony remotely via the Internet during
11 legislative proceedings.

12 (e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
13 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
15 the regular session of 2018.

16 (f) The task force shall be exempt from part I of chapter
17 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Records of the task force shall be
18 exempt from public disclosure under chapter 92F, Hawaii Revised
19 Statutes.

20 (g) The task force shall cease to exist upon adjournment
21 of the regular session of 2018.



1 SECTION 2. Each chamber of the legislature shall consider
2 the task force's report and shall adopt rules that establish
3 procedures to enable Hawaii residents, including neighbor island
4 residents, to present oral testimony at legislative committee
5 hearings through the use of remote testimony technology.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2018-2019 for establishing remote testimony capability
11 throughout the State to enable Hawaii residents, including
12 neighbor island residents, to present oral testimony at
13 legislative committee hearings.

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

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2088.



Report Title:

Remote Testimony; Oral Testimony; Legislative Hearings; Task Force; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Remote Testimony Task Force to develop procedures to make available remote testimony technology throughout the State that enables the public to testify remotely via the Internet during legislative proceedings. Requires the Legislature to adopt rules to establish remote testimony capability. Makes an appropriation. (HB1547 HD1)

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