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Statement of MIKE MCCARTNEY Director Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM Friday, January 28, 2022 3:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 224 In consideration of SB2076 RELATING TO A BROADBAND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports SB2076** that defines broadband equity and clarifies the Hawai'i Broadband and Digital Equity Office's duties to promote and support digital equity and broadband deployment.

Over the course of the last two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has spotlighted the need for broadband infrastructure and digital equity for all of Hawai'i's residents and the Broadband Hui has worked to help close the digital divide in Hawai'i. In addition, the federal government identified the need to fund broadband infrastructure and digital equity programs across the country.

With this once in a generation opportunity, it is important that we address broadband access, affordability, adoption and literacy; build robust and resilient broadband infrastructure and lay the foundation for Hawaii to thrive in the digital economy and achieve digital equity for all residents in Hawai'i. The Broadband & Digital Equity Office will continue to provide the focus, coordination and facilitation of programs that enable all Hawai'i residents to seamlessly connect to the digital tools needed to be successful in our modern society.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



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January 27, 2022

To:	The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair,
	The Honorable Bennett E. Misalucha, Vice Chair, and Members of the
	Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
Date:	Friday, January 28, 2022
Time:	3:00 p.m.
Place:	Conference Room 224, State Capitol & videoconference
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From:	Jovanie Domingo Defa Cruz, Executive Director
	DLIR- Office of Community Services

Re: S.B. 2076 – RELATING TO BROADBAND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 2076 would add the term "broadband equity" to HRS Chapter 206S, which relates to the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office, and integrate "broadband equity" into the goals and objectives of that office.

"<u>Broadband equity</u>" is defined in the bill as "a condition in which all residents are able to access, adopt, and use affordable, high-speed, and reliable broadband that meets their needs." "Broadband equity" is then to be woven into an amended definition of "digital equity," presumably to be inserted into the definitions in HRS §206S-1:

"Digital equity' means a condition in which <u>broadband equity is achieved and</u> all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in society, democracy, and the economy." SB 2076 at page 1, lines 9-12. The underscored language would be added by this bill, and thus would make affordability and reliability of broadband an important part of the definition of "digital equity."

The bill then adds this broadened definition of "digital equity" to a task set out for the office in HRS §206S-3(6), to administer grant programs in support of broadband infrastructure, innovation, digital equity, and the digital economy. The bill at this point also clarifies that the office should coordinate federal and state grants in this area.

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The bill also would amend portions of HRS §206S-4(a) relating to broadband planning, coordination, and cooperation. First, it would delete "remote work promotion" from the list of best practices on which the office would advise DBEDT. Second, the bill would expand the office's obligations under HRS §206S-4(a)(8) to monitor regulatory and policy changes for their potential impact on broadband deployment and sustainability in Hawaii, to include monitoring for impacts on digital equity. Third, the office's role in advising the director of DBEDT under HRS §206S-4(a)(9) would be expanded to include matters relating to digital equity as well as broadband deployment.

II. CURRENT LAW

HRS Chapter 206S was newly enacted last year. It establishes the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. The office is to be led by a Strategic Broadband Coordinator appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Pursuant to HRS §206S-3, the office is expected to help advance the State's objectives and policies for the economy as set out in HRS §226-10.5. The office is expected to fulfill this duty by, among other things, develop and implement strategies to aggressively increase broadband affordability, penetration, and competitive availability in the State; support the findings of the Broadband Hui as reflected in its digital equity declaration; and provide a repository and governance framework for broadband mapping and digital equity data relating to digital literacy, telehealth, distance education, remote work, internet accessibility and service coverage.

III. COMMENTS ON THE PRESENT BILL

The Office of Community Services (OCS) was created by the Hawai'i State Legislature by Act 305, SLH 1985, codified as chapter 371K, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. OCS is the lead state agency responsible for planning and developing programs, securing Federal and State funds, procuring and contracting with private agencies to provide services aimed at improving poverty-causing conditions and reducing barriers to social and economic self-sufficiency. OCS administers its services through contracts with non-profit organizations. OCS is administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

OCS's statutory mission calls on us to be alert to how new technologies may be leaving people behind. Not surprisingly, people who have been left behind during earlier times are likely to be left behind by new developments. Technologies change but poverty and lack of services tend to stay the same. Accordingly, <u>OCS supports SB 2076</u> because "broadband equity" would thereby become an important element of "digital equity", and these are goals that need to be supported.

Particularly in this protracted emergency when Covid-19 is disrupting all our lives, it is our underserved communities that are being hit hardest. To the extent that OCS can actively support broadband equity in the communities that we are serving throughout Hawaii, we would be very happy to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Statement Before The SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM Friday, January 28, 2022 3:00 PM Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

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in consideration of SB 2076 **RELATING TO BROADBAND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Chair WAKAI, Vice Chair MISALUCHA, and Members of the Senate Energy, Economic Development, and **Tourism Committee**

Common Cause Hawaii supports SB 2076 which defines broadband equity and clarifies the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office's duties to promote and support digital equity and broadband deployment.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to reforming government and strengthening democracy - one that works for everyone and not just the special interests.

As technology advances, many of our basic democracy values depend on robust connectivity. Broadband enhances civic engagement, participation in the democratic process, and a responsive government. Yet too many in Hawaii lack access to affordable, high-speed broadband and continue to face significant barriers to get online.

Affordability remains the most significant barrier to broadband adoption while those on the wrong side of the digital divide are disproportionately low-income, people of color, seniors, people with disabilities, and other marginalized communities. Without broadband, these communities live in a democracy where their voices go unheard, and their needs are unmet.

Therefore, Common Cause Hawaii supports SB 2076 which makes clear that the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office's focus is on broadband equity and "affordable, high-speed, and reliable broadband" (at page 1, lines 5-7) for all residents. Broadband equity is necessary for the good of our representative democracy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2076. If you have any questions of me, please contact me at sma@commoncause.org.

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii





Testimony to the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism Friday, January 28, 2022; 3:00 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 224 Via Videoconference

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 2076, RELATING TO BROADBAND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE.

Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA <u>SUPPORTS</u> Senate Bill No. 2076, RELATING TO BROADBAND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE.

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would clarify the statutory responsibilities of the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office (Office). More specifically, this bill would:

- (1) Define "Broadband equity"; and
- (2) Provide that the Office coordinate federal and state grant programs, including those pertaining to digital equity.

Hawaii has long been at the forefront of integrating newer technologies into daily life. One example of this is Hawaii's Telehealth Law which has served as a model across the United States. Yet, it was only after COVID struck our islands that this law became fully integrated into daily life.

Today, it is common practice to ZOOM or SKYPE with your health practitioner instead of physically going to the provider's office for a visit. When COVID first hit our islands, many health providers had to limit the number of patients that could be serviced in-person because of a scarcity of Personal Protective

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Equipment, restrictions in the gatherings of groups, and the need for changes to the physical arrangement of examination rooms and other diagnostic facilities.

For people with adequate broadband access, telehealth was a lifeline for the provision of essential primary health care services. Yet, health care facilities in rural areas experienced the same problems when COVID hit. They too had to limit the number of patients they could see. But because these communities lacked adequate broadband access, they were effectively cut off from primary care. Many were forced to bear their maladies until it became necessary to go to the emergency room.

Because of this, the HPCA views the lack of broadband access in rural areas as an issue of social equity. In this day and age, everyone should have equal access to health care. Telehealth was envisioned as the means of leveling the field between urban and rural areas. The lack of broadband ensures that urban and rural communities remain unequal.

To this end, we note that there is no appropriation attached to this bill, and that the Administration did not include as part of its supplemental budget request the positions and resources needed for this Office to effectively carry out the duties established under Chapter 206S, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

We also note that Hawaii's Congressional Delegation worked diligently to make billions of dollars available for the State of Hawaii to develop broadband infrastructure. It is our understanding that the Governor has assigned the responsibility of expending these funds to the University of Hawaii. Are the statutory responsibilities of the University of Hawaii too narrow to ensure that these federal funds will be expended to address the needs of rural communities?

This Legislature established the public policy that the strategic decisions on the development of broadband should be assigned to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT). Yet, to carry out this function, only a single person is assigned to administer this very important responsibility?

Furthermore, it is our understanding that the availability of the federal funds is brief. Each year that is spent trying to figure out the agency that will manage these funds, the less time these funds can be used. A "once in a lifetime opportunity" will be lost.

For this reason, the HPCA wholeheartedly supports this bill and urges this Committee to include the resources the Office needs to perform these vital duties.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or eabe@hawaiipca.net.



Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair

Friday, January 28, 2022, 3:00 p.m. Via Videoconference SB 2076 RELATING TO BROADBAND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE

TESTIMONY Janet Mason, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports making high-speed Internet access available to all Hawaii residents, without charge, through schools, libraries, and other secure public buildings. We further support deployment of public distribution networks to all residents - regardless of geographic location or neighborhood demographics. <u>For</u> these reasons, we strongly support this bill.

Broadband is a necessity for assuring equal access to local and state government, for maintaining openness and transparency in government activities, for communicating with legislative leaders, for engaging in political discourse, and for assuring that voters receive the information they need to participate in our democracy.

We are impressed with how much excellent preparation has already been completed to position Hawaii for enacting this bill successfully. Coupled with forthcoming Federal funding we expect an historic leap in improved adequacy of our broadband infrastructure, particularly for Hawaii's rural areas.

It is no exaggeration that doing so is critical for Hawaii's economic development, so clarification of the duties of the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office makes sense. How will this office be included in selection of public broadband providers?

We might have a rush of vendors to bid on providing Hawaii's expanded broadband. Like other utility services, the broadband distribution networks have a declining marginal unit cost which gives larger bidders an advantage in providing lower cost to consumers. But we urge the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office – as well as our Public Utilities Commission – to consider reliability as the most important criteria for vendor selection, together with affordability. What of the last feet of broadband "infrastructure" required for access by our lower income citizens? Users need a smart phone, tablet, or computer to access the public infrastructure. We can only hope that the market responds to lower the cost of such privately-owned but critical hardware; I call attention to students in our public schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism Friday, January 28, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

RE: SB 2076 Relating to Broadband Service Infrastructure

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 2076, which defines broadband equity and clarifies the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office's duties to promote and support digital equity and broadband deployment

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

As members of the Broadband Hui, the Chamber supported broadband infrastructure development in rural communities, provided digital devices and internet connectivity for students and families, supported the accessibility of telehealth, provided information on low-cost internet options, and adopted a Digital Equity Declaration to set a vision and goals for a more equitable digital future.

Addressing digital equity through broadband access and digital literacy is one of the most important steps to modernizing Hawaii's economy and bringing all our industries into the 21st century. By having digital equity throughout the state, this will allow Hawaii to attract new industries and continue to diversify the economy. Given the importance of achieving both broadband equity and digital equity to our economy and to educating our future workforce to throughout Hawaii, the Chamber supports this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism Hearing Date: Friday, January 28, 2022, 3:00pm

Honorable Senators Glenn Wakai, Chair; Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair; and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

Subject: SB 2076, Relating to Broadband Service Infrastructure TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Committee Members:

Ocean Networks, Inc. has supported the expansion of Broadband Services in the State of Hawaii for many years. As such we firmly support this bill.

ONI supports this bill because it will enact steps to positively impact the expansion of broadband and provide digital equity in specifically to the unserved and underserved areas which will contribute to the greater good for all people of Hawaii. Additionally, this broadband service infrastructure initiative will enhance the educational and healthcare services provided within the state.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clifford Miyake

Cliff Miyake VP, Business Development Ocean Networks, Inc.



Senate Committee on Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

Date: Jan. 28, 2021 Time: 3:00 p.m. Where: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

RE: Supporting SB2076 Relating to Broadband Service Infrastructure

Aloha mai e Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee,

As members of the Broadband Hui, the listed organizations and individuals SUPPORT SB 2076, that defines broadband equity and clarifies the Hawai'i Broadband and Digital Equity Office's duties to promote and support digital equity and broadband deployment.

Over the past 18 months, our organizations have collaborated, each within their own ability, to increase Hawai'i's digital capacity, thereby supporting the continuity of social connections, education, employment, and access to other essential services throughout the pandemic. Through the work of the Broadband Hui, we have supported broadband infrastructure development in rural communities, provided digital devices and internet connectivity for students and families, supported the accessibility of telehealth, provided information on low-cost internet options, and adopted a Digital Equity Declaration to set a vision and goals for a more equitable digital future.

As we stated at the outset of the pandemic, addressing digital inequity through broadband access, digital literacy, and digitally-enabled societal systems is one of our greatest opportunities for economic and social recovery, diversification, and resilience. The truth of this statement has been proven throughout the past two years and is even more urgent as we look toward future recovery -- now with a once-in-a-generation opportunity with robust federal funding inbound.

The Broadband & Digital Equity Office will continue to provide the focus, coordination and facilitation of programs that enable all Hawai'i residents to seamlessly connect to the digital tools needed to be successful in our modern society. Given the important work that needs to be done to achieve both broadband equity and digital equity throughout Hawaii, the Hawai'i Broadband & Digital Equity Office should be appropriately funded.

For these reasons, we kindly request you PASS SB2076. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. (Please see names on the following page.)

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- To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
- From: Maunakea Observatories
- Subj: Letter **Supporting** SB2076 Relating to Broadband Service Infrastructure Testimony Scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2022; 3:00 p.m.; Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
- Date: 27 January 2022

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee,

We, the Maunakea Observatories, **support** SB 2076 which defines "broadband equity," improves the definition of "digital equity," and clarifies the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office's duties to promote and support digital equity and broadband deployment.

The Maunakea Observatories (MKO) are privileged to have access to stable broadband infrastructure, technical equipment, and digital literacy that facilitates our ability to perform world-leading scientific research on Hawai'i Island. But access should not be only for the privileged, and the call for digital equity on behalf of our entire statewide community has never been more urgent.

The MKO outreach staff and educators who work with schools across the islands have first-hand visibility into the challenges faced by Hawai'i's teachers, students and families -- made more acute by the pressures of the pandemic, but persistent and deeply problematic even without COVID-19 in play. The 500+ MKO employees and their families, especially those situated on the neighbor islands, know challenges in healthcare are made even tougher when telehealth fails due to lack of reliable connectivity. Our efforts to broaden workforce development opportunities in STEM fields need to grow hand-in-hand with increased digital equity statewide in order to be successful. These are just a few of the many reasons the Maunakea Observatories understand the urgency of advancing digital equity for Hawai'i, but more importantly, the Maunakea Observatories share the belief that digital equity is foundational for a vibrant future for our entire community.

The MKO support the efforts of the Hawai'i Broadband and Digital Equity Office, and underscore the importance of strong leadership to ensure implementation of strategies that can support digital equity as a priority.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

Mahalo,

Director Hilton Lewis, W.M. Keck Observatory (Keck I and Keck II)

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To The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair; The Honorable Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

SUPPORT SB2076 RELATING TO BROADBAND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE

The Maui Chamber of Commerce is writing in support of SB2076 relating to broadband service infrastructure. Broadband has been a longstanding issue in Hawaii and was exacerbated during this pandemic where students are doing distance learning and more people are working remotely. Broadband is a critical need in unserved areas and is important to state and county economic development.

We are pleased to participate with the Broadband Hui and support many initiatives for digital equity. Many exciting projects are emerging from this broad alliance that fosters ideas and collaboration on creating programs that benefit the statewide community, with an emphasis on assisting groups that need it the most. This funding is essential at this time as we look at improving the statewide connectivity and roll out 5G infrastructure. We missed the opportunity to sign on to the Broadband Hui letter, but with this testimony, please include us among the many who strongly support this office and funding.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony and we ask that you pass SB2076.

Sincerely,

Damela Jumpap

Pamela Tumpap President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

<u>SB-2076</u> Submitted on: 1/27/2022 1:50:02 PM Testimony for EET on 1/28/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	y Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sandie Wong	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I join the Testimony submitted by Ocean Networks, Inc. in Support of SB2076. This bill encourages the expansion of broadband and provides digital equity for unserved and underserved areas.

<u>SB-2076</u> Submitted on: 1/28/2022 6:03:54 AM Testimony for EET on 1/28/2022 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Farrah-Marie Gomes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this bill that will assist with equitable access.