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February 6, 2023

The Honorable Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair
Senate Committee on Labor and Technology
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Moriwaki and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB752 RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATION.

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS SB752**, which requires the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to establish a working group to conduct a study to identify state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow certain residents, including residents with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative hearings. Requires a report to the Legislature. Dissolves the working group on 6/30/2024.

Remote testimony ensures greater accessibility, benefitting those that rely on others to travel. Members of the Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) community often rely on others for mobility, such as city bus systems or caregiver support. Online testimony that does not require travel allows I/DD individuals greater independence to participate in and benefit the Hawai'i legislative process. Additionally, online testimony benefits those residing on the neighbor islands of Oahu, who may not be able to travel easily across islands.

Our community deserves an equal opportunity to have their voices heard as part of the legislative process. This year, March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Our theme is friendship and leadership, and we anticipate 350 individuals in our community to attend our Day at the Capitol event. To be a leader, we need to be connected. The independence of remote testimony allows individuals in our community to truly participate and help lead the legislative process, establishing themselves as an equal voice in Hawai'i's legislative process. SB752 will make sure their right to civic engagement is protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of SB752**.

Sincerely,

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To: Senate Committee on Labor and Technology

From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: February 6, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Re: Testimony on S.B. No. 752
Relating to Telecommunication

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which would establish a working group to identify state office buildings that could be used to help residents on neighbor islands and in rural areas participate remotely in legislative hearings. The Office of Information Practices (OIP) takes no position on the substance of this bill, but offers comments on the proposed working group's exemption from part I of chapter 92, the Sunshine Law, and **suggests an amendment.**

This bill creates a total exemption from the Sunshine Law for the working group, but requires it to post minutes of its meetings online. Because of the Sunshine Law exemption, the Sunshine Law's standards for what minutes must include will not apply. OIP recognizes that since the working group will be composed entirely of government employees and its work will focus on the internal logistics of state government office space utilization, it will in many ways operate more as an internal government working group considering the suitability of various government office spaces than as a policy group of the sort generally subject to the Sunshine Law. However, some level of public participation would

nonetheless provide the working group with valuable input as to the public's needs and wishes on this subject, so OIP would recommend that either (1) the working group's full Sunshine Law exemption be removed and replaced with a limited exception to ensure the government employee members can still carry on their regular work conversations outside meetings, such as a special permitted interaction allowing less than a quorum of members to discuss working group business outside a meeting, or (2) the working group be exempted from the Sunshine Law, but required to hold at least one public meeting to accept public comment on the issue it is studying.

For the second option, to require the group to hold at least one public meeting to accept public comment, **OIP would recommend adding the following proviso to the end of subsection (d) at bill page 3, line 15:**

; provided further that the working group shall hold at least one public meeting to accept public comment that shall follow the public meeting standards set out in part I of chapter 92 to the extent practicable.

Thank you for considering OIP's testimony.

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Written Testimony of
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

SENATE BILL 752 RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Dear Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the committee:

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) **does not support** the bill, which requires ETS establish a working group to conduct a study to determine appropriate state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow residents, including residents with disabilities, to remotely participate in legislative hearings for the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui and rural areas of the City and County of Honolulu.

The issues that are key to this process are not within ETS' domain, and ETS' involvement in the process is unnecessary. Generally, all state office buildings have adequate telecommunications capability to support remote meetings. This is not an IT issue, it is a building management issue.

The key issues of availability of space, staffing, parking and access are more appropriately addressed by building owners and users. If this process is to succeed, it must be led by the building owners. The involvement and leadership of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Transportation, Department of Education, University of Hawaii, the counties, and others in a working group would be more effective. ETS does not have the resources or expertise to lead this process.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY

S. B. 752

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023, 3:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 224 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATION

Dear Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the committee, mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony offering support with comments on S.B. 752, which requires the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to establish a working group to conduct a study to identify state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow certain residents, including residents with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative hearings. The measure also proposes a report to the legislature and dissolves the working group on June 30, 2024.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports increasing access and involvement with the legislative process by the public. We would propose a few modifications to the measure that would assist the working group in completing the task proposed.

We would humbly request the committee to consider the following:

1. Designate the Comptroller or the comptroller's designee to serve as the chair of the working group. Section 2(b)(1)
2. List the chief information officer or the officer's designee as a member of the working group and not as co-chair. Section 2(b)(2)
3. Remove "virtually" from Section 2(c).
4. Exempt the working group from part I of chapter 92, as proposed in the introduced measure, and remove the requirement to make available the minutes of all the working group's meetings. Section 2(d)
5. Remove "office of enterprise technology services" and insert "comptroller's office" to indicate that the comptroller's office will be providing support. We would also request that language be added to HRS §26-6 that will allow the comptroller's office to have exempt positions like other departments. This will allow us to utilize vacant exempt positions within the department in the comptroller's office to support initiatives such as this working group. We would propose adding a section to HRS §26-6 that states "There are established within the department of accounting and general services a legislative and special projects coordinator, communications specialist, and executive assistant positions exempt from chapter 76. The legislative and special projects coordinator, communications specialist, and executive assistant shall be appointed by and report to the comptroller." Section 2(e)

We believe that with the above recommended changes, we will be able to successfully complete the mission of the working group by the deadline set forth in the proposed legislation.

Additionally, the proposed changes that would allow the comptroller's office to have a limited number of exempt positions will permit us to continue to support these types of initiatives going forward. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our testimony on this measure.

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SB-752

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:06:10 AM

Testimony for LBT on 2/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Stacey Aldrich | Testifying for Hawaii State Public Library System | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) supports SB752 and the efforts to create a working group to conduct a study to identify state office building that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow certain residents, including residents with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative hears.

When the Hawaii State Legislature began offering virtual testimony, HSPLS deployed 16 Chromebooks to each of our 51 locations and added information on our website to let patrons know that they could participate in the legislative process at their local public library. We continue to offer this service and more information can be seen [here](#) on our website.

Given our 51 locations (including the Library for the Blind and Print Disabled) on 6 islands, existing infrastructure and experience, we are a good resource for this work. We would like to humbly request that Hawaii State Public Library System be added to the working group identified in the bill.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact State Librarian, Stacey Aldrich at 808-586-3704 or stacey.aldrich@librarieshawaii.org.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share our testimony and your consideration.

SB-752

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 1:00:50 PM

Testimony for LBT on 2/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| James Kilgore | Testifying for Full Life | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Moriwaki and Committee Members:

Full Life is a Hawai'i Island nonprofit that helps empower people with developmental disabilities to enjoy a full and self-determined life. We are testifying in support of SB752, which establishes a working group to identify telecommunication access to allow residents to participate remotely in legislative hearings.

We support full access to all who are interested in participating in the legislative process. People with intellectual/developmental disabilities deserve accommodations that allow them to participate fully in the legislative process. It can be very difficult and costly for people with developmental disabilities to travel to the capital from Hawai'i Island to participate in legislative advocacy.

Mahalo for your consideration of this important issue.

SB-752

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 3:32:18 PM

Testimony for LBT on 2/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

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| Franz Weber | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

The last few years have shown that it is possible. Equal opportunity to participate is a citizen's right, and responsibility.