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## LATE TESTIMONY

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OF  
RUSS K. SAITO, COMPTROLLER  
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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON  
FINANCE  
ON  
March 25, 2010

S.B. 2543, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY

Chair Oshiro and members of the Committee, thank you for opportunity to testify on S.B. 2543, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes S.B. 2543, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that if this bill is advanced that the language from H.B. 984, H.D. 4, S.D. 2, be inserted. DCCA has testified in support of advancing H.B. 984, H.D. 4, S.D. 2. DAGS defers to DCCA in this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

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**Re: SB 2543 SD2 HD1, Relating to Technology - Comments**  
**Agenda #1 - Finance, March 25, 2010, 10:00 am – Room 308**

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Committee members:

I am Nate Smith, President of Oceanic Time Warner Cable ("Oceanic"). On behalf of Oceanic, which provides a diverse selection of entertainment, information, and communication services to nearly 400,000 households, schools and businesses and currently employs more than 1,000 highly-trained individuals, we appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony today.

We offer our support for the intent of this bill, and ask that the committee consider the potential costs and other impacts it would take to get this new initiative underway, and to operate it concurrently with role of the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Cable Division.

This bill establishes the Hawaii communications commission and the Hawaii broadband commissioner. Among other responsibilities, the bill requires the commission and commissioner to work towards various goals, including increasing broadband availability in the state, providing increased, flexible, timely and responsible access to public rights of way and public facilities for broadband service providers, and providing a more streamlined permit approval process that reduces the time and cost of broadband infrastructure deployment.

As the largest broadband provider in the state, and as a member of the State Broadband Task Force, Oceanic supports the idea of having a Broadband Advisory Council to promote broadband availability and the adoption of broadband services by Hawaii consumers. Oceanic has well over 220,000 high-speed Internet customers, and is continually improving its broadband services. We recently implemented Road Runner Mobile on Oahu and Maui.

Finally, as the committee is aware, the FCC is in the midst of rolling out a national broadband policy, and there will be further discussions among all affected stakeholders on the most efficient and cost-effective ways to accomplish the goals articulated in the bill. Accordingly, detailed regulatory proposals in HB984 and SB1680 are premature, and while Oceanic supports this bill's approach to establish a broadband commission (and commissioner) in order to establish a forum and process to fully and carefully consider various policy and operational issues that will arise in connection with fulfilling

the objectives of the bill, we also believe the implementation of this initiative may also be premature at this time.

For the foregoing reasons, Oceanic supports the intent of SB 2543 SD2 HD1. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to share our views with you.

Sincerely,

Nate Smith  
President