

LATE TESTIMONY

HB 2267

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST CLEARCOM, INC.

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January 26, 2012

Chair McKelvey and members of the House Economic Revitalization & Business Committee:

I am Ken Hiraki, providing comments on behalf of Hawaiian Telcom on HB 2267, Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to Assist Clearcom, Inc. in the Development of Broadband Infrastructure in Hawaii.

While we support the overall objective of improving Hawaii's broadband infrastructure, we are unable to provide detailed comments because the bill does not list where and what type of broadband projects are being funded. Without further information, this bill provides a virtual "blank check" to a private entity (Clearcom, Inc.) to use for unnamed purposes.

If it is the intent of this bill to fund duplicative broadband improvements in areas that are already being adequately served by multiple providers we question the public purpose and the need for government support for such a project. Conversely, if the intent of this bill is to provide improved broadband services to areas currently underserved (especially on the neighbor islands) then we would argue the greater the public purpose and the greater the need for government support. As presently drafted the bill is devoid of project details so we will limit our testimony at this time except to alert the committee of the noted "red flags".

Thank you for the opportunity to provide some comments.

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Importance: High

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DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2012
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 312, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street
HB: 2267

Dear Representatives:

ControlPoint Surveying, Inc. respectfully submits our support for H.B. 2267, Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to Assist Clearcom, Inc. in the Development of Broadband Infrastructure in Hawaii.

Clearcom is an affiliate of Sandwich Isles Communications. ControlPoint Surveying, Inc. provides land surveying services for Sandwich Isles Communications ("SIC") and we know first hand that SIC's state-of-the-art all-fiber optic infrastructure is the best in the state. SIC is equipped and staffed to successfully build out telecomm infrastructure to provide modern and reliable services. If the HB 2267 is passed, a project like this would have a big job impact on ControlPoint Surveying, Inc. and the industry.

We respectfully request that you consider and approve HB 2267.

Aloha,
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From: Ed Pukini [epukini@mscon.com]
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Please disregard my previous e-mail and take this e-mail into consideration instead. Thank you.

Aloha,

My name is Ed Pukini and I am the Area Manager of Mid-State Consultants, Inc. I am writing to express my support of HB 2267.

For the past 13 years, Mid-State Consultants, Inc. has been actively involved with innovative infrastructure projects for Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. and its affiliate Clearcom Inc., in which they have designed, engineered and built more than 100 miles of broadband infrastructure. We have provided both engineering support as well as construction management of their projects which included telecommunications equipment installations on every major island and fiber optic network installations on both land and sea. We were also involved in the design and use of abandoned water mains for fiber optic network installations. This resulted in significant construction cost savings and minimized impact to daily traffic.

Mid-State Consultants, Inc. firmly believes that HB 2267 will help increase the amount of jobs in engineering as well as construction industries. And it will help create a more robust statewide broadband network capable of improving and extending services such as high speed data, cell phone service, IPTV service and cellular backhaul. Mid-State Consultants, Inc. is proud to serve Hawaii through Clearcom, Inc.'s and its continued expansion of their broadband network.

For these reasons, Mid-State Consultants, Inc. supports HB 2267. Thank you very much for your time, and please feel to contact me at 808-585-6188 or via e-mail at epukini@mscon.com.

Mahalo,

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