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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Article XV, section 4, of the state  
2 constitution states that "English and Hawaiian shall be the  
3 official languages of Hawaii . . ." The year 2013 is the  
4 thirtieth anniversary of the Hawaiian language revitalization  
5 movement started by the Aha Pūnana Leo in 1983. Today, there  
6 are twenty-one Hawaiian language immersion public schools and  
7 eleven pre-schools serving over two thousand students annually.  
8 If the Hawaiian language is to reach an equal status with that  
9 of the English language in everyday use, the production and  
10 distribution of Hawaiian language broadcast media must be  
11 adopted.

12           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
13 commerce and consumer affairs to allocate the revenues derived  
14 from any collected franchise fees to specific entities by  
15 specified percentages.

16           SECTION 2. Chapter 440G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
18 and to read as follows:



1        "§440G-        Franchise fee; allocation.    Notwithstanding any  
2    other law or rule to the contrary, the department shall allocate  
3    any revenues derived from collected franchise fees as follows:

- 4        (1)    An amount equal to 44.44 per cent to the office of
- 5            information technology services within the department
- 6            of education;
- 7        (2)    An amount equal to 22.22 per cent to the Hawaii public
- 8            television foundation;
- 9        (3)    An amount equal to 11.11 per cent to Makauila;
- 10       (4)    An amount equal to 5.56 per cent to the department;
- 11            and
- 12       (5)    An amount equal to 16.67 per cent to public,
- 13            educational, or governmental access organizations."

14       SECTION 3.   New statutory material is underscored.  
15       SECTION 4.   This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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# S.B. NO. 1235

**Report Title:**

Cable Television; Franchise Fees; Allocation

**Description:**

Requires DCCA to allocate the revenues derived from any collected franchise fees to specific entities by specified percentages.

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