
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The legislative reference bureau shall
2 conduct a feasibility study that includes the costs associated
3 with the implementation of audiovisual technology in both
4 chambers of the legislature. The study shall examine:

5 (1) The type of audiovisual technology available for use
6 by neighbor island residents to testify in legislative
7 proceedings;

8 (2) The costs associated with installing, operating, and
9 maintaining equipment in legislative conference rooms;

10 (3) The need for, and estimated cost of, additional staff
11 positions; and

12 (4) The amount of time needed to implement an audiovisual
13 testimony program.

14 (b) The legislative reference bureau shall submit a report
15 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
16 legislation, to the legislature no later than December 1, 2017.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for
4 the purposes of this Act.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the legislative
6 reference bureau for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. The legislative reference bureau may contract
8 the services of a consultant with the funds appropriated in
9 section 2 of this Act. The contracting of services under this
10 Act shall be exempt from chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Audiovisual Technology; Videoconferencing; Legislative Hearings; Testimony; Teleconferencing; Neighbor Islands; LRB Study; Appropriation

Description:

Requires LRB to conduct a feasibility study that includes the costs associated with the implementation of audiovisual technology in both chambers of the legislature. Makes an appropriation. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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