

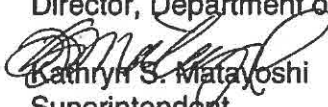


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February 3, 2017

TO: The Honorable Catherine P. Awakuni Colón
Director, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

FROM: 
Kathryn S. Matayoshi
Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Comments Relating to the Renewal of Oceanic Time Warner Cable LLC's
Kauai Cable Television Franchise**

The Department of Education (DOE) appreciates the benefits to the State of Hawaii (State) that are the result of the cable television franchising requirements administered by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). The DOE submits the following general comments regarding the renewal of Oceanic Time Warner Cable LLC's (OTWC) Kauai cable television franchise.

The following are DOE's general comments and requests; we look forward to discussing them in more detail with the DCCA:

1. The Institutional Network (I-NET)
 - Interconnections of new schools, and existing schools on Kauai that are relocated to new locations. This could also include DOE administrative offices, and colocation facilities, at no cost to the State.
 - Extension of entrance fiber on Kauai school campuses from current Oceanic demarcation point to another location on campus to be determined by the DOE, at no cost to the State.
 - Provide Wi-Fi equipment and installation services on school campuses and administrative locations to be determined by the DOE at no cost to the State.
2. Provide free or reduced costs for basic Internet service to the residence of all students on Kauai who are participants in the free and reduced lunch program or the community eligibility provision.
3. Expand capacity of existing Bundled Internet Services and Direct Internet Access connections, at no cost to the State.

4. Provide free or reduced costs for Internet service to DOE teachers and administrators on Kauai.
5. Continuation of basic cable television service to all Kauai DOE schools and offices, at no cost to the State.
6. New technologies: The DOE reserves the right to request access to new technologies that are not currently deployed by the cable industry, at no cost to the State. For example, if OTWC or the industry moves to a wireless delivery of service, the DOE, under its I-NET provision, reserves its right to utilize these new technologies and services provided by them.
7. Continuation of all benefits applicable to the DOE under the current franchise, unless otherwise agreed to by the DOE.
8. Provide equipment and connectivity that will allow closed circuit television capability at all schools, with monitoring from a location to be determined by the DOE.
9. Any and all requests will be completed within a reasonable time frame, not to exceed six months from date of request.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this matter. The DOE looks forward to detailed discussions with the DCCA on this renewal of OTWC's Kauai cable television franchise. Please contact Mr. Clyde Sonobe, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology Services, at 808-586-3307 for questions or follow up.

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Dear Ms. Kim:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the pending renewal of Oceanic Time Warner Cable LLC's ("Oceanic") request to renew its Kauai cable television franchise. We appreciate the long history of exemplary support by your Cable Television Division, and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

The University of Hawai'i, together with the Department of Accounting and General Services (Enterprise Technology Services) and Department of Education, have a long standing and highly successful working relationship with Oceanic through the INET agreement to provide critical and essential services to support statewide connectivity in support of our collective operations. This arrangement has enabled the operation of the INET to connect public schools, libraries, university campuses and education centers, and state government facilities throughout the State of Hawai'i.

In addition, the University of Hawai'i participates in Educational Access and public programming together with the Department of Education and the East-West Center, as part of the Hawai'i Educational Networking Consortium (HENC). Access to educational content continues to be an important part of the long-standing public benefits established and supported under the cable television franchise.

The University of Hawai'i supports the renewal of Oceanic's Kauai cable television franchise agreement, along with the continuing mandates to support public benefits as contained under the current franchise agreement.

Please feel free to contact me at 956-3501 or gyoshimi@hawaii.edu if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garret T. Yoshimi".

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