



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## TESTIMONY

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Chairs Fukunaga and Inouye, Vice Chairs Ige and Espero and Members of the  
Committees:

I am pleased to submit this testimony in support of SCR 77 / SR 40, requesting a study on the feasibility of installing a WiFi network to connect to the Internet in the State Capitol.

The University of Hawaii was one of the first very large WiFi installations in the State of Hawaii. We have found that WiFi technology is extremely useful for enabling people with a wide variety of laptop computers and other devices to connect to the Internet easily and speedily.

The Legislature has done an excellent job of making legislative information available to the public via the Internet. The implementation of a WiFi network in the State Capitol would be a huge boost to providing the public with timely and up-to-date information at the very time they need it most -- when they are trying to provide input to the democratic process.

There are many ways such a WiFi network could be implemented using public and/or private resources. A study such as the one proposed would help decision-makers understand the considerations associated with different approaches.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SCR 77 / SR 40.