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Testimony:

Aloha e Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Lei'a Haff, and I am from the west side of O'ahu. I am providing testimony in strong support of Resolution 26-29 to allow the expansion of the existing cable landing station and installation of additional subsea fiber-optic infrastructure serving West O'ahu. This project is important because reliable, high-capacity connectivity is no longer a luxury in our day and age—it is foundational to education, remote work, small business growth, healthcare access, and everyday services our families depend on to keep our families here in Hawai'i. Increased data capacity and improved resilience also strengthen Hawai'i's connection to the rest of the world and can help support a more competitive broadband market that benefits residents through better service and affordability.

I also appreciate the project's approach to minimizing shoreline and nearshore impacts through horizontal directional drilling designed to "punch out" in sand and avoid coral ecosystems, along with the environmental and cultural studies described in the project materials. Additionally, continued community outreach and efforts to support our keiki and local talent are meaningful steps toward ensuring the benefits of this investment are shared locally.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support of Resolution 26-29.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Lei'a Haff