



## HSPAN channel offers Oceanic viewers on-demand access to State Capitol

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State Capitol

If you're an Oceanic Time Warner Cable digital customer, you can now watch what's going on at the State Capitol, anytime you want.

On Tuesday, the Hawaii State Legislature and Olelo Community Media unveiled HSPAN (Hawaii Statewide Public Access Network), on Oceanic digital channel 50, a new statewide on-demand channel that allows viewers with an interactive cable box to access coverage of legislative activities at any time.

New remote-controlled Sony HD cameras were installed in 16 conference rooms, both the House and Senate Chambers and the Capitol Auditorium to allow for multiple hearings to be captured simultaneously and distributed on HSPAN.

In addition to legislative hearings, the State executive offices, executive branch agencies, and the Judiciary will have access to provide content on HSPAN.

Olelo partnered with Oceanic and the state to design and build the necessary infrastructure.

You can also access Senate and House proceedings online via their respective live and on demand media pages: [Senate \(http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=13\)](http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=13) | [House \(http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=31\)](http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=31)

“We’re excited, because channel 50 is a statewide channel, so it’s now giving the capability for all the islands to be able to see the State Capitol hearings and the bills that may be important to them,” said Chris Lam, Olelo Community Media. “We’re really happy to work so closely with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs as well as Oceanic Time Warner Cable and the State Capitol so that we can come together and make something that can be a really great service for the people of Hawaii.”

“The Senate has long been an advocate of government transparency and has strived to increase public participation in the legislative process,” said Senate majority leader Sen. J. Kalani English. “HSPAN follows our initiative to effect good governance and allows for our constituents, particularly on the neighbor islands, unfiltered accessibility to legislative action at the Capitol.”

“Our House members were very pleased with the initiative taken by Olelo to provide this additional service to the public. It ties in and closely aligns with our ongoing efforts to provide more transparency in the Legislature and, more importantly, to make it easier for voters to get

involved in their government and the process of governing,” said House speaker Rep. Joseph M. Souki.

The new statewide on-demand channel is in addition to the live coverage currently provided by Capitol TV, which airs on Olelo Channel 49 and 54, and other community access stations across the State: Ho’ike on Kauai, Akaku on Maui and Na Leo TV on the Big Island.

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