



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
Cable Television Division

## DCCA News Release

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### **CABLE SUBSCRIBERS TO SEE APPROXIMATELY \$1.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN CABLE TV FEE CUTS**

HONOLULU – The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) has issued an order to Time Warner Entertainment, L.P. (TWE) that will result in a savings of approximately \$1.5 million dollars to cable subscribers statewide. Customers will begin seeing the savings on their November cable bills.

This money would otherwise be collected monthly from cable subscribers, and forwarded by TWE to DCCA to cover the department's administrative costs. The department's Cable Television Division, however, determined that maintaining the fee at its current level for many years had resulted in the accumulation of more funds than the division needed to cover its current costs.

"We want to keep cable fees as low as possible, while ensuring that subscribers are getting the best value for their money," said DCCA Director Mark Recktenwald.

As a result, the department has reduced its portion of the cable franchise fee from 1% to 0%, beginning November 1, 2005. The department will determine when and to what extent this fee should be reinstated, but expects to suspend it through the end of 2006. Customers will save an average total of about \$3.85 over a 14-month period.

The Decision and Order is posted in its entirety on DCCA's website at [www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/catv/decisions\\_order/files/](http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/catv/decisions_order/files/)

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