In short, these proposed new rules would greatly reduce if not eliminate the funds that support 'Ōlelo and our neighbor island Community Access organizations. This would allow cable companies to offset a range of franchise obligations as “in-kind” contributions from cable subscribers payment of franchise fees.  These “in-kind” contributions include PEG channels, programming transmission, connectivity to schools, and the list goes on.

It’s important for community to have a voice to share with fellow community members in an independent format that is not managed by powerful interests.