HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008 STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. 280

HOUSE RESOLUTION

MANDATING THE CREATION OF A SINGLE WEBSITE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO STATE EXPENDITURES.

1 WHEREAS, transparency and accountability are fundamental principles of a democracy; and 2 3 WHEREAS, the number and cost of state expenditures has 4 risen and the public is often unfamiliar with the spending 5 process and expenditures; and 6 7 8 WHEREAS, the public is demanding more responsible spending 9 of their tax money, whether it is congressional earmarks or our 10 state and local expenditures; and 11 WHEREAS, in the past, it has been difficult for the people 12 to get easy access to government records; and 13 14 WHEREAS, the internet provides an easy, reliable, and 15 16 affordable way for the state to make spending records available; now, therefore, 17 18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 19 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 20 Session of 2008, that the House of Representatives urges the 21 Governor to create a single website designed to provide records 22 23 to the public of annual and monthly expenditures of the state 24 government, and also provide archived databases of those 25 records: and 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the House Finance 27 28 committee is urged to cooperate with the Governor to provide comprehensive and pertinent financial information for the 29 website; and 30 31

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the
House, and the Chair of the House Finance committee.

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