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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY.

WHEREAS, developing effective, accessible, and affordable broadband technology in Hawaii is essential to the sustainability of Hawaii in a digital economy; and

WHEREAS, there is currently an initiative by the State to provide the means to deliver high-speed broadband access throughout the State and establish the governmental authority to administer and regulate its delivery; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure needed for telecommunications operation and broadband transmission are inextricably linked; and

WHEREAS, this shared infrastructure is a large component of the broadband initiative; however, there has never been a study conducted to determine the existing inventory of telecommunications infrastructure and equipment in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, although the use of shared telecommunications and broadband infrastructure may involve a purchase by the government of some of the existing privately-owned telecommunications and broadband infrastructure, there is no available independent assessment of the quantity or value of the existing telecommunication and broadband infrastructure; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Department of Business, Economic

Development, and Tourism are requested to work in conjunction to prepare a study that identifies and assesses the quantity and economic value of existing telecommunications and broadband infrastructure that may need to be shared by the State and private entities to deliver high-speed broadband service throughout the State; and

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11 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism are requested to submit a joint report of their findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later than one hundred twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.