HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE CABLE TELEVISION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

WHEREAS, the Cable Television Division (Division) of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) is the regulatory authority with state jurisdiction over cable television operators in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General, the Chief Procurement Officer of the State Procurement Office, and the State Procurement Policy Board found, and DCCA acknowledged, that the Division violated Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding the procurement of public, educational, and governmental (PEG) organization contracts; and

WHEREAS, there is also a reasonable concern that DCCA lacks transparency in its dealings with PEG access corporations; and

WHEREAS, current legislation proposes that the Division be incorporated into the Broadband Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Division has never been the subject of an independent financial or management audit; and

WHEREAS, a management and financial audit would serve to improve DCCA operations and ensure that best practices are in place; 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 Office of the Auditor is requested to perform a management and financial audit of the Cable Television Division of DCCA for all fiscal years beginning with 1998 and ending with 2008; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor is requested to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Chairperson of the Cable Advisory Committee, and the Auditor.

OFFERED BY:

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