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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BROADCAST MORE LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS AND POST THEM ON THE LEGISLATIVE WEBSITE.

WHEREAS, transparency promotes accountability and provides 1 2 information for citizens about what their government is doing on their behalf; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, transparency is government's obligation to share information with citizens, while providing the people the 6 7 opportunity to tell their elected officials what they think of a particular piece of legislation, before it comes up for a vote; 8 9 and 10 WHEREAS, a more transparent government begins with public 11 engagement which enhances the government's effectiveness and 12 improves the quality of its decisions; and 13 14 15 WHEREAS, without the ability to watch legislative hearings and floor sessions, a huge segment of our population is excluded 16 17 from observing the legislative process; and 18 WHEREAS, with fewer newspapers and TV news outlets in our 19 state, there is reduced news coverage pertaining to the 20 legislature, making citizens further removed from the 21 legislative process; and 22 23 WHEREAS, the legislature has the opportunity to address the 24 lack of transparency and public participation by using the 25 26 technology we have at our disposal today through video, webcasting, and audio transmission to the public; and 27 28 29 WHEREAS, for our democracy to work properly, citizens are making every effort to stay more closely informed and engaged 30

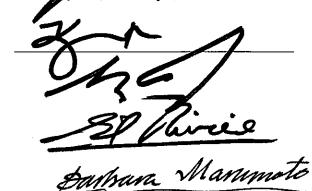


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1 2	than ever before to engage in and become more involved in the political processes; and
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4 5	WHEREAS, anyone that has the capability to view or monitor government proceedings can easily keep informed and be able to
6	voice their approval or objection via email or post on a website
7	or blog a link to a precise segment of a particular hearing or
8	floor session; and
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10	WHEREAS, broadcasting hearings and floor sessions will
11	allow all interested citizens and stakeholders to evaluate,
12	scrutinize, or support their elected officials' work at their
13	discretion; and
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15	WHEREAS, although the House of Representatives broadcasts
16	selected hearings to the public, only the Senate makes the
17	broadcast available on-demand on the legislature's website; now,
18	therefore,
19 20	DE TE DECOLVED by the House of Depresentatives of the
20 21	BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21	of 2011, that the House of Representatives is requested to
23	broadcast video or transmit audio of committee hearings and
 24	floor sessions to the public; and
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26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the video or audio transmission
27	be made available on the legislature's website for future
28	viewing; and
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30	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31	Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of
32	Representatives and the House Majority Leader.
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