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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A  
COMPARATIVE STUDY OF STATES CONCERNING THE COSTS AND  
METHODS OF PUBLICIZING REQUIRED STATUTORY LEGAL NOTICES  
PAID FOR WITH PUBLIC FUNDS.

1 WHEREAS, the State and its government agencies are required  
2 by the Hawaii Revised Statutes and various administrative rules  
3 to provide legal notice in newspapers in certain circumstances;  
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6 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin acquired the Honolulu  
7 Advertiser and merged the two into a sole surviving daily  
8 newspaper, the Honolulu Star Advertiser; and

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10 WHEREAS, the advertising rates for the State and its  
11 government agencies have increased as a result of the merger of  
12 the two newspapers; and

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14 WHEREAS, media, such as the Internet, radio, and  
15 television, have created alternatives to the publication of  
16 legal notice through newspapers; and

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18 WHEREAS, technology has allowed over 100 Pennsylvania  
19 newspapers to currently post their printed public notices on the  
20 Internet at no cost to the local government; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
24 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative  
25 Reference Bureau (LRB) is requested to conduct a comparative  
26 study of states concerning the costs and methods of publicizing  
27 required statutory legal notices paid for with public funds; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LRB study:

- (1) Compare the costs and methods of publicizing required legal notices of the states;
- (2) Examine alternative methods of publicizing required legal notices, including on television, radio, and the Internet;
- (3) Review cost-saving strategies concerning required legal notices; and
- (4) Determine the most effective channels of media for publicizing required legal notices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LRB is requested to submit its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Acting Director of LRB.

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