HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
     ON THE NEEDS AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION
     OF AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR ALL
     STATE RESIDENTS TO TESTIFY IN-PERSON ON LEGISLATION.

1   WHEREAS, legislative rules and practices encourage robust
2 debate provided through testimony from members of the public;
3 and
4
5   WHEREAS, many important legislative issues may
6 disproportionately impact citizens on the neighbor islands; and
7
8   WHEREAS, the constrictive and fast-paced legislative
9 timetable can place a severe financial hardship on neighbor
10 island residents wishing to actively participate in the
11 democratic process; and
12
13   WHEREAS, modern audio and video technology and the Internet
14 make it possible for individuals to virtually attend and provide
15 testimony in legislative hearings; and
16
17   WHEREAS, the public and its ability to engage lawmakers and
18 participate fully in the democratic process would greatly
19 benefit from safe, stable, and secure Internet-based
20 telecommunications access; and
21
22   WHEREAS, there are operational and technical issues that
23 must first be worked through in order to implement such a
24 program; now, therefore,
25
26   BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference
29 Bureau is requested to conduct a study on the needs and costs
30 associated with the implementation of audio and video technology

H.C.R. NO. 57

1   to provide all state residents with the opportunity to provide
2   oral testimony at all legislative hearings; and
3
4   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
5   Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
6   recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
7   Legislature no later than December 1, 2018; and
8
9   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
11 Legislative Reference Bureau.
12
13
14

OFFERED BY: _Nicole E. Lowen_

MAR - 2 2018