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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, THE FEDERAL  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND THE NATIONAL WEATHER  
SERVICE TO MAKE NECESSARY UPDATES TO ENSURE THAT TEXTUAL  
AND AUDIBLE INFORMATION FROM THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM ARE  
MATCHED AND SYNCHRONIZED DURING TELEVISION BROADCASTS.

1 WHEREAS, in times of national, state, and local  
2 emergencies, it is important for members of the public to have  
3 timely and often life-saving information; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal  
6 Emergency Management Agency, and the National Oceanic and  
7 Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service work in  
8 conjunction to implement the Emergency Alert System at the  
9 federal level; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the Emergency Alert System is a national public  
12 warning system that requires broadcasters, cable television  
13 systems, wireless cable systems, satellite digital audio radio  
14 service providers, and direct broadcast satellite providers to  
15 provide the communications capability to the President to  
16 address the American public during a national emergency; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the Emergency Alert System may also be used by  
19 state and local authorities to deliver important emergency  
20 information targeted to specific areas; and  
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22 WHEREAS, due to deafness, hearing loss, or other reasons,  
23 many members of the public are not always able to hear  
24 information from the Emergency Alert System, and therefore need  
25 to receive that information in a textual form; and  
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27 WHEREAS, it is important that the textual information  
28 broadcasted on television from the Emergency Alert System match  
29 and be synchronized with the broadcasted audible information,



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1 which includes more details that the textual information; now,  
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Federal  
7 Communications Commission, the Federal Emergency Management  
8 Agency, and the National Weather Service are urged to make  
9 necessary updates to ensure that textual and audible information  
10 from the Emergency Alert System are matched and synchronized  
11 during television broadcasts; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
15 Federal Communications Commission, the Administrator of the  
16 Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Director of the  
17 National Weather Service, the Governor of Hawaii, and the  
18 Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii.  
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