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SENATE 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;
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5 WHEREAS, many important legislative issues may
6 disproportionately impact citizens on the neighbor islands; and
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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
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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
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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
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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,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative
29 Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a study on the needs and
30 costs associated with the implementation of audio and video



1 technology to provide all state residents with the opportunity
2 to provide oral testimony at all legislative hearings; and
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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
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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.
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