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## SENATE 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,  
28 that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a  
29 study on the needs and costs associated with the implementation  
30 of audio and video technology to provide all state residents  
31 with the opportunity to provide oral testimony at all  
32 legislative hearings; and  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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