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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
AND THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO COLLABORATE TO
PROVIDE VIDEOCONFERENCE ACCESS FOR NEIGHBOR ISLAND
RESIDENTS TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS
AND SESSIONS.

1 WHEREAS, Legislative rules and practices encourage robust
2 debate provided through testimony from members of the public;
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5 WHEREAS, a centralized system of State government provides
6 for efficient coordination of government functions and services,
7 especially for a population spread out over separate islands;
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10 WHEREAS, issues relating to accessibility and delivery of
11 government information, services, and proceedings to residents
12 of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, Lanai, Molokai, Niihau, and rural Oahu
13 remain an ongoing challenge, primarily due to the centralized
14 location of state government in Honolulu's urban core; and
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16 WHEREAS, the public and its ability to engage lawmakers and
17 participate fully in the democratic process would greatly
18 benefit from safe, stable, and secure Internet-based access; and
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20 WHEREAS, current technology makes it possible for
21 individuals to virtually attend and participate in legislative
22 hearings; and
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24 WHEREAS, despite available technology, there are
25 operational and technical issues that must first be resolved in
26 order to implement services to allow the public to participate
27 in the legislative process via videoconferencing; now,
28 therefore,
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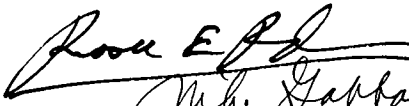
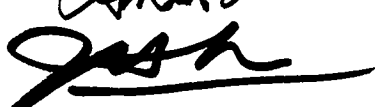
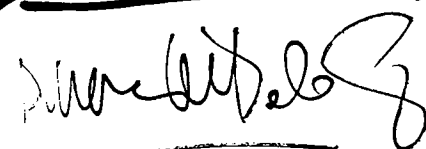
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
 2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
 3 Representatives concurring, that the State Office of Enterprise
 4 Technology Services and the Legislative Reference Bureau are
 5 respectfully requested to collaborate and provide for neighbor
 6 island residents to effectively participate in the legislative
 7 process; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Office of Enterprise
 10 Technology Services and the Legislative Reference Bureau are
 11 further requested to determine and provide recommendations for
 12 State office buildings on Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, Lanai, Molokai,
 13 Niihau, and rural Oahu respectively for the best location to
 14 provide access to telecommunication services; and

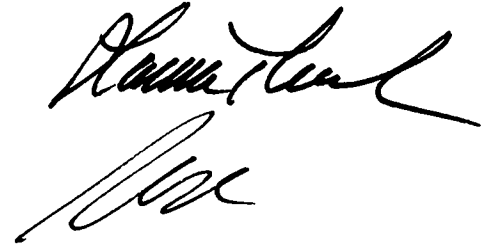
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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the State Office of Enterprise
 17 Technology Services and the Legislative Reference Bureau are
 18 further urged to collaborate and submit a report to the
 19 Legislature including recommendations for necessary legislation,
 20 no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular
 21 Session of 2021; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Director of the State
 25 Office of Enterprise Technology Services and the Director of the
 26 Legislative Reference Bureau.

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