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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD, IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY
SERVICES, TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP ON ACCESSIBLE
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, an accessible document is a document created to be
2 as easily readable by a sighted reader as a low-vision or
3 non-sighted reader; and
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5 WHEREAS, accessible documents allow individuals who use
6 screen readers to navigate through the document, utilize the
7 properties to move from one part of a document to another, hear
8 descriptions of photographs and images from image tags, and have
9 equal access to the information; and
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11 WHEREAS, public agencies that are required to provide
12 accessible documents do not always have staff that understand
13 how to make the information accessible; and
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15 WHEREAS, the increasing use of technology to communicate
16 can also present complications and challenges, such as the
17 various state agency websites that post public meeting notices,
18 agendas, and attached resource documents that may not
19 necessarily all be in accessible formats, especially when
20 attachments are scanned copies; and
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22 WHEREAS, the State's Disability and Communication Access
23 Board serves as the public advocate of persons with disabilities
24 by providing advice and recommendations on matters relating to
25 access, with an emphasis on state and county legislative matters
26 and administrative rules, policies, and procedures, and also
27 provides technical assistance and guidance to state and county
28 entities to meet state, federal, and county requirements for
29 access for persons with disabilities; and
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31 WHEREAS, the State's Office of Enterprise Technology
32 Services, headed by the Chief Information Officer, is charged
33 with organizing, managing, and overseeing statewide information
34 technology governance, including establishing, coordinating, and



1 managing a program to provide a means for public access to
2 public information and developing and operating an information
3 network; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
6 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the
7 Disability and Communication Access Board, in collaboration with
8 the Office on Enterprise Technology Services, is requested to
9 convene a working group on accessible government documents; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group:
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- 13 (1) Research other states' laws and use technologies to
14 provide government documents, including documents
15 provided by private entities under contract with the
16 State, in accessible formats;
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- 18 (2) Evaluate and recommend strategies to improve the
19 provision of government documents, including documents
20 provided by private entities under contract with the
21 State, in accessible formats, including identifying
22 means for effective and efficient oversight; and
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- 24 (3) Make recommendations to the Legislature about how to
25 further the policy of providing accessible government
26 documents; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a representative of the
29 Disability and Communication Access Board and representative of
30 the Office of Enterprise Technology Services are requested to
31 serve as co-chairs of the working group and invite one
32 representative from each of the following entities to serve as
33 working group members:
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- 35 (1) The Center on Disability Studies at the University of
36 Hawai'i at Mānoa;
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- 38 (2) The Office of the Lieutenant Governor;
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- 40 (3) The Department of Accounting and General Services;
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- 1 (4) The Information Technology and Systems Department at
- 2 the Judiciary;
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- 4 (5) The Department of the Attorney General;
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- 6 (6) The Office of the Chief Clerk of the House of
- 7 Representatives;
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- 9 (7) The Office of Information Practices;
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- 11 (8) The Civil Rights Commission;
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- 13 (9) The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the
- 14 Department of Health;
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- 16 (10) An advocacy group for blind persons;
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- 18 (11) An advocacy group for deaf persons; and
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- 20 (12) Other interested individuals; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Disability and

23 Communication Access Board is requested to submit a report on

24 behalf of the working group of its findings and recommendations,

25 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later

26 than forty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of

27 2021; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the working

30 group serve without compensation; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

33 Resolution be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor, Attorney

34 General, Comptroller, Director of Health, Chair of the

35 Disability and Communication Access Board, Chief Information

36 Officer, Administrative Director of the Courts, Chief Clerk of

37 the House of Representatives, Director of the Center on

38 Disability Studies, Director of the Office of Information

39 Practices, Executive Director of the Civil Rights Commission,

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2 Chapter, and President of the Aloha State Association of the
3 Deaf.

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