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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that providing access for  
2 residents to participate in the state legislative process is a  
3 basic right of citizenship in the State and should continue to  
4 be a priority. Equitable access to the legislative process  
5 would encompass the nearly four hundred fifty thousand residents  
6 on the neighbor islands as well as those in rural Oahu and  
7 promote inclusivity. With the rising costs of airfare, gas, and  
8 lodging, providing designated locations or state offices on  
9 neighbor islands and in rural Oahu where citizens can  
10 participate remotely in the legislative process will help to  
11 reduce the financial burden of participation.

12           The purpose of this Act is to require the comptroller to  
13 identify certain state resources that can be utilized for  
14 telecommunication access to increase neighbor island and rural  
15 Oahu residents' participation in the state legislative process.

16           SECTION 2. (a) The comptroller shall identify state  
17 office buildings that are able to provide equitable



1 telecommunication access to residents of the counties of Hawaii,  
2 Kauai, and Maui, and the rural areas of Oahu, and including  
3 residents with disabilities who live in those areas, to  
4 participate remotely in legislative hearings.

5 (b) The comptroller shall submit a report of the  
6 comptroller's findings and recommendations, including any  
7 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty  
8 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



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**Report Title:**

Department of Accounting and General Services; Comptroller;  
State Office Buildings; Telecommunications; Accessibility;  
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**Description:**

Requires the comptroller to identify state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow certain residents, including residents with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative hearings. Requires a report to the legislature. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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