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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HAWAII ELECTRONIC  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY ACT ON OR BEFORE  
DECEMBER 31, 2024.

1           WHEREAS, Act 172, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, known as the  
2 "Hawaii Electronic Information Technology Accessibility Act,"  
3 (Act 172), was signed into law on June 27, 2022, with the goal  
4 of making all electronic information technology developed,  
5 purchased, used, or provided by state entities accessible to  
6 persons with disabilities; and

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8           WHEREAS, Act 172 requires the Office of Enterprise  
9 Technology Services, in consultation with the Disability and  
10 Communication Access Board and a working group composed of  
11 stakeholders, to develop and publish electronic information  
12 technology accessibility standards to be implemented by all  
13 state entities; and

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15           WHEREAS, these standards are to be consistent with federal  
16 standards issued by the United States Access Board to implement  
17 section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and  
18 the web access standards issued by the World Wide Web Consortium  
19 Web Accessibility Initiative; and

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21           WHEREAS, the Chief Information Officer is required to issue  
22 the Hawaii Electronic Information Technology Accessibility  
23 Standards, and state entities are required to review and  
24 incorporate these standards into their procurement and  
25 development rules, policies, and procedures, within six months  
26 of the publication of the standards or any amendments thereto;  
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29           WHEREAS, these requirements have been in effect since  
30 Act 172 was signed into law, but the standards have not yet been  
31 issued more than eighteen months later; and

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33           WHEREAS, many states already require compliance with  
34 federal accessibility standards and model standards already  
35 exist that can be modified if needed for use in Hawaii, making



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1 further delay inexcusable to complete implementation of Act 172;  
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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that implementation of Act  
5 172 is essential to ensure all residents equal access to goods,  
6 services, benefits, education, and employment opportunities  
7 provided by state entities; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
11 that the Chief Information Officer is urged to ensure the prompt  
12 implementation of Act 172, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, on or  
13 before December 31, 2024; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Information Officer  
16 is requested and advised to submit a report to the Legislature  
17 no later than thirty days prior to the Regular Session of 2025,  
18 describing the status of implementation of Act 172 and making  
19 any recommendations for future legislation needed to ensure the  
20 State's electronic information technology meets or exceeds  
21 federal accessibility standards; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chief Information  
25 Officer, and the Executive Director of the Disability and  
26 Communication Access Board.

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OFFERED BY:

