SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE
HAWAII STATE INSTITUTIONAL NETWORKS ON EACH ISLAND OF THE
STATE TO DETERMINE ACTUAL COSTS FOR MAINTENANCE.

1   WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
2 recently authorized cable operators to charge marginal costs for
3 the maintenance of portions of institutional networks that are
4 actually used; and
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6   WHEREAS, cable operators were originally contractually
7 bound to build the institutional networks at no cost to
8 subscribers or the State; and
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10   WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission Order 621
11 prohibits cable operators from subtracting from or retaining
12 franchise fees to build new institutional networks or support
13 operational costs; and
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15   WHEREAS, franchise fees are meant to be used exclusively
16 for the maintenance of existing institutional networks; and
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18   WHEREAS, an audit of institutional network costs is
19 necessary to determine actual costs for maintenance on each
20 island, thereby increasing transparency; and
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22   WHEREAS, information technology experts have stated that
23 maintenance costs for institutional network architecture are
24 minimal; and
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26   WHEREAS, an audit may help confirm the costs of
27 institutional network maintenance; now, therefore,
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29   BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
32 requested to conduct a financial audit of the Hawaii State

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1 Institutional Networks on each island of the State to determine
2 actual costs for maintenance; and

4   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
5 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
6 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
7 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
8 of 2026.

10   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.

OFFERED BY: _____