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SENATE 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,

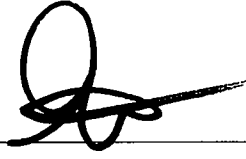
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
31 that the Auditor is requested to conduct a financial audit of
32 the Hawaii State Institutional Networks on each island of the
33 State to determine actual costs for maintenance; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
2 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
3 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
4 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
5 of 2026.

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.
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11 OFFERED BY:  _____

