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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS AND THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO  
ADDRESS PUBLIC INTERESTS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS FOR LOCAL  
MEDIA, INCLUDING NEWS, ACCESS, AND OWNERSHIP.

1           WHEREAS, the United States must enforce the rights  
2 contained in the First Amendment of the United States  
3 Constitution, which guarantees that American citizens have the  
4 right to freedom of speech and press and to assemble peacefully;  
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7           WHEREAS, the existence of independent and local media  
8 ensures that diverse programming, voices, and ideas that are  
9 relevant and meaningful to the local community are given ample  
10 opportunity to be aired; and

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12           WHEREAS, federal, state, and local policymakers must do  
13 their part to ensure a place for local and diverse media that  
14 serves the public's interests; and

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16           WHEREAS, state and local governments in communities across  
17 America must have meaningful and well-defined roles to  
18 adequately protect media consumers and to effectively advocate  
19 for local needs and interests; now, therefore,

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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that Congress and the FCC are  
24 urged to ensure media localism for Hawaii's broadband digital  
25 future; and

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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FCC is requested to  
28 convene, in 2006, a public meeting in Hawaii to consider the



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1 role of local, state, and federal jurisdictions that ensure  
 2 media localism for broadcast, cable, print, and satellite media,  
 3 including future local news and information applications via  
 4 broadband telecommunications; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's  
 8 Congressional delegation, Chairperson of the Federal  
 9 Communications Commission, the Governor, Mayors of Hawaii's  
 10 counties, and their respective City Council members.

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