
HOUSE 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, that Congress and the FCC are urged to ensure media
24 localism for Hawaii's broadband digital future; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FCC is requested to
27 convene, in 2006, a public meeting in Hawaii to consider the
28 role of local, state, and federal jurisdictions that ensure
29 media localism for broadcast, cable, print, and satellite media,



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1 including future local news and information applications via
2 broadband telecommunications; and

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

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