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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CREATING A LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
STATUTORY ENACTMENT TO ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY IN LEGISLATIVE  
PROCEEDINGS.

1 WHEREAS, openness in government proceedings is the hallmark  
2 of public trust in government; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature, as the law-making branch of  
5 government, is a keeper of the public trust; and  
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7 WHEREAS, Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS),  
8 relating to public meeting requirements, commonly referred to as  
9 the "sunshine law", specifically subordinates open meeting  
10 requirements to the respective rules of each House of the  
11 Legislature; and  
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13 WHEREAS, public confidence in the Legislature would be  
14 enhanced immensely if a task force were to examine ways in which  
15 the Legislature could become more open and accessible; now,  
16 therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
20 House of Representatives concurring, that there be created a  
21 temporary, bipartisan Joint Legislative Task Force (Task Force)  
22 to conduct a study of legislative hearings and procedures with a  
23 view toward recommending legislation to enhance openness in  
24 hearings, including public accessibility to written  
25 correspondence thereto; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be composed of  
28 six members, three from the Senate and three from the House, to  
29 be chosen by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
30 House of Representatives, respectively; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force conduct its  
33 meetings in accordance with Chapter 92, HRS; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force report its finding and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007.

