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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT  
AUDIT OF THE CABLE TELEVISION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

1           WHEREAS, the Cable Television Division (Division) of the  
2 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is the regulatory  
3 authority with state jurisdiction over cable television  
4 operators in Hawaii; and

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6           WHEREAS, the Division has never been subject to an  
7 independent review or management audit since its creation; and

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9           WHEREAS, the State Procurement Office recently disapproved  
10 the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' request for an  
11 exemption to directly negotiate contracts with non-profit access  
12 organizations selected by the Department of Commerce and  
13 Consumer Affairs to manage cable access resources for each  
14 county, without complying with the State Procurement Code; and

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16           WHEREAS, instead of granting the Department of Commerce and  
17 Consumer Affairs' request for an exemption as noted above, the  
18 State Procurement Office considers the period of the  
19 Department's violation of the State Procurement Code to be from  
20 the date of the 1997-1999 contracts with Olelo, Na Leo, Ho'ike,  
21 and Akaku to June 30, 2006; and

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23           WHEREAS, federal regulation of cable television and related  
24 broadband media are undergoing important and dramatic changes;  
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27           WHEREAS, all of Hawaii's citizens and Hawaii consumers of  
28 cable television and high-speed internet services will benefit  
29 from a review of state regulation; and

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31           WHEREAS, a review of state regulation of cable television  
32 operators will ensure that best practices are in place; and



