
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, relating to
8 public meeting requirements, commonly referred to as the
9 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 Joint Legislative Task Force to conduct a study of
22 legislative hearing and procedures with a view towards
23 recommending legislation to enhance openness in hearings
24 including public accessibility to written correspondence
25 thereto; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Legislative Task
28 Force be composed of six members, three from the Senate and
29 three from the House, to be chosen by the President of the
30 Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Legislative Task
33 Force conduct its meetings in accordance with chapter 92; and



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 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Legislative Task
 3 Force consider the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1062, Regular
 4 Session of 2005, in its study; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Legislative Task
 7 Force report its finding and recommendations, including proposed
 8 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
 9 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 13 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the
 14 Hawaii State Legislature.

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