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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CLERK OF THE SENATE AND THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF  
THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO POST INTERNAL ACCOUNTING  
INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET SITES OF THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES.

1 WHEREAS, section 92F-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating  
2 to the Uniform Information Practices Act, states in pertinent  
3 part:

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5 In a democracy, the people are vested with the  
6 ultimate decision-making power. Government  
7 agencies exist to aid the people in the  
8 formation and conduct of public policy.  
9 Opening up the government processes to public  
10 scrutiny and participation is the only viable  
11 and reasonable method of protecting the  
12 public's interest. Therefore the legislature  
13 declares that it is the policy of this State  
14 that the formation and conduct of public  
15 policy--the discussions, deliberations,  
16 decisions, and action of government agencies--  
17 shall be conducted as openly as possible;

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21 WHEREAS, the business of the Legislature is the business of  
22 the public; and

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24 WHEREAS, the public has a right to know how the Legislature  
25 is conducting the public's business; and

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27 WHEREAS, the public can only know how well the Legislature  
28 conducts its business if there is transparency in government  
29 records, like all other state and county agencies; and

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31 WHEREAS, internal accounting information of the Senate and  
32 the House are integral components of public information about  
33 which the public has a right to know; and



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2 WHEREAS, chapter 92F contains no exemption for the  
3 Legislature; and

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5 WHEREAS, accounting information of the Legislature should  
6 be open to public access in accordance with chapter 92F; now,  
7 therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Clerk of the  
12 Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the  
13 Hawaii State Legislature are requested to post internal  
14 accounting information on the Internet sites of the respective  
15 Houses, to the extent such information is public under  
16 chapter 92F, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Clerk of the Senate and  
20 the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Hawaii State  
21 Legislature.

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