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# SENATE 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,  
20 that there be created a temporary Joint Legislative Task Force  
21 to conduct a study of legislative hearing and procedures with a  
22 view towards recommending legislation to enhance openness in  
23 hearings including public accessibility to written  
24 correspondence thereto; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Legislative Task  
27 Force be composed of six members, three from the Senate and  
28 three from the House, to be chosen by the President of the  
29 Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Legislative Task  
32 Force conduct its meetings in accordance with chapter 92; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Legislative Task  
 2 Force consider the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1062, Regular  
 3 Session of 2005, in its study; and

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

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