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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS AND THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO  
ADDRESS PUBLIC INTERESTS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS FOR LOCAL  
MEDIA, INCLUDING NEWS, ACCESS, AND OWNERSHIP.

1           WHEREAS, the United States must enforce the rights  
2 contained in the First Amendment of the United States  
3 Constitution, which guarantees that American citizens have the  
4 right to freedom of speech and press and to assemble peacefully;  
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7           WHEREAS, the existence of independent and local media  
8 ensures that diverse programming, voices, and ideas that are  
9 relevant and meaningful to the local community are given ample  
10 opportunity to be aired; and

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12           WHEREAS, federal, state, and local policymakers must do  
13 their part to ensure a place for local and diverse media that  
14 serves the public's interests; and

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16           WHEREAS, state and local governments in communities across  
17 America must have meaningful and well-defined roles to  
18 adequately protect media consumers and to effectively advocate  
19 for local needs and interests; now, therefore,

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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
23 that Congress and the FCC are urged to ensure media localism for  
24 Hawaii's broadband digital future; and

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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FCC is requested to  
27 convene, in 2006, a public meeting in Hawaii to consider the  
28 role of local, state, and federal jurisdictions that ensure  
29 media localism for broadcast, cable, print, and satellite media,



1 including future local news and information applications via  
2 broadband telecommunications; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's  
6 Congressional delegation, Chairperson of the Federal  
7 Communications Commission, the Governor, Mayors of Hawaii's  
8 counties, and their respective City Council members.

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