

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1371 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 142

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 142 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to ensure that local voices, interests, and programming are part of the future of information media in the United States by requesting the Federal Communications Commission to:

- (1) Convene a public meeting in Hawaii to consider the role of local, state, and federal jurisdictions in information media; and
- (2) Ensure media localism for broadcast, print, satellite media, and broadband telecommunications.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1260, and Olelo Community Television supported this concurrent resolution.

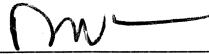
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Your Committee heard testimony that across the nation there is increasing homogeneity of programming as smaller, local stations are displaced by larger, national companies. Your Committee finds that this measure protects the free and vigorous exchange of ideas that is one of the cornerstones of our nation by seeking to ensure that federal regulatory decisions affecting local information media allow independent local voices and preferences to continue to be heard.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 142 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



