

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 82
S.D. 1

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 S.C.R. No. 82, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE 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, ideas, and interests are included in the future of broadband telecommunications, broadcast, cable, print, and satellite communications media, by requesting the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to convene a public meeting in Hawaii to consider these issues.

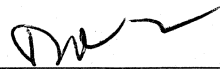
The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1260, Honolulu Community Media Council, Screen Actors Guild Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure.

Your Committee finds that our nation was founded on the right of individuals to voice their ideas and have their opinions heard. Communications media is the marketplace of ideas, and Congress and the FCC must, in regulating this marketplace, ensure a place for local voices and interests.



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 S.C.R. No. 82, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



