
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

MANDATING THE CREATION OF A SINGLE WEBSITE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO
STATE EXPENDITURES.

1 WHEREAS, transparency and accountability are fundamental
2 principles of a democracy; and

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4 WHEREAS, the number and cost of state expenditures has
5 risen and the public is often unfamiliar with the spending
6 process and expenditures; and

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8 WHEREAS, the public is demanding more responsible spending
9 of their tax money, whether it is congressional earmarks or our
10 state and local expenditures; and

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12 WHEREAS, in the past, it has been difficult for the people
13 to get easy access to government records; and

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15 WHEREAS, the internet provides an easy, reliable, and
16 affordable way for the state to make spending records available;
17 now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
22 urges the Governor to create a single website designed to
23 provide records to the public of annual and monthly expenditures
24 of the state government, and also provide archived databases of
25 those records; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairs of the House Finance
28 and Senate Ways and Means committees are urged to cooperate with
29 the Governor to provide comprehensive and pertinent financial
30 information for the website; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 3 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Chair of
 4 the House Finance committee, and the Chair of the Senate Ways
 5 and Means committee.

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