
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII BROADBAND COMMISSIONER TO CONDUCT A STUDY
OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE
INVENTORY.

1 WHEREAS, developing effective, accessible, and affordable
2 broadband technology in Hawaii is essential to the
3 sustainability of Hawaii in a digital economy; and
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5 WHEREAS, a broadband initiative is being considered by the
6 Twenty-fifth Legislature to provide the means to deliver high-
7 speed broadband access throughout the state and establish the
8 governmental authority to administer and regulate its delivery;
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11 WHEREAS, the infrastructure needed for telecommunications
12 operation and broadband transmission are inextricably linked;
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15 WHEREAS, this shared infrastructure is a large component of
16 the broadband initiative; however, there has never been a study
17 conducted to determine the existing inventory of
18 telecommunications infrastructure and equipment in Hawaii; and
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20 WHEREAS, although the use of shared telecommunications and
21 broadband infrastructure may involve a purchase by the
22 government of some of the existing privately-owned
23 telecommunications and broadband infrastructure, there is no
24 available independent assessment of the quantity or value of the
25 existing telecommunications and broadband infrastructure; now,
26 therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2009, that the Hawaii Broadband Commissioner is requested to
31 prepare a study that identifies and assesses the quantity and
32 economic value of existing telecommunications and broadband
33 infrastructure that may need to be shared by the State and



1 private entities to deliver high-speed broadband service
2 throughout the state; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Broadband
5 Commissioner is requested to submit a report of the
6 Commissioner's findings and recommendations to the Legislature
7 no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular
8 Session of 2010; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if legislation establishing the
11 Hawaii Broadband Commissioner is not enacted in 2009, the Public
12 Utilities Commission (PUC) is requested to undertake the study
13 and report its findings and recommendations as requested by this
14 Resolution; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and
17 Consumer Affairs and the Department of Business, Economic
18 Development, and Tourism are requested to assist the Hawaii
19 Broadband Commissioner, or PUC, as the case may be, to perform
20 the study; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Broadband Commissioner,
24 Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, Director of
25 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Director of Business,
26 Economic Development, and Tourism.

