
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM 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, there is currently an initiative by the State to
6 provide the means to deliver high-speed broadband access
7 throughout the State and establish the governmental authority to
8 administer and regulate its delivery; and
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10 WHEREAS, the infrastructure needed for telecommunications
11 operation and broadband transmission are inextricably linked;
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14 WHEREAS, this shared infrastructure is a large component of
15 the broadband initiative; however, there has never been a study
16 conducted to determine the existing inventory of
17 telecommunications infrastructure and equipment in Hawaii; and
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19 WHEREAS, although the use of shared telecommunications and
20 broadband infrastructure may involve a purchase by the
21 government of some of the existing privately-owned
22 telecommunications and broadband infrastructure, there is no
23 available independent assessment of the quantity or value of the
24 existing telecommunication and broadband infrastructure; now,
25 therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2009, that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
30 and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
31 Tourism are requested to work in conjunction to prepare a study
32 that identifies and assesses the quantity and economic value of
33 existing telecommunications and broadband infrastructure that

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1 may need to be shared by the State and private entities to
2 deliver high-speed broadband service throughout the State; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and
5 Consumer Affairs and the Department of Business, Economic
6 Development, and Tourism are requested to submit a joint report
7 of their findings and recommendations to the Legislature not
8 later than one hundred twenty days prior to the convening of the
9 Regular Session of 2010; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and
13 Consumer Affairs and the Director of Business, Economic
14 Development, and Tourism.