
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BROADCAST PROGRAM'S
CABLECASTS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' PROCEEDINGS.

1 WHEREAS, the legislative broadcast program began cable
2 casting House of Representatives' proceedings on a pilot basis
3 in 1994, and has been renewed every session since then; and
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5 WHEREAS, Act 373, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, codified as
6 chapter 21G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to public access,
7 established the legislative broadcast program; and
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9 WHEREAS, the legislative broadcast program produces live
10 and tape-delayed video broadcasts of selected legislative
11 proceedings for cable casting on public-education-government
12 access channels and video casting on the Internet; and
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14 WHEREAS, the legislative broadcast program is intended to
15 increase public access to and participation in the legislative
16 process; and
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18 WHEREAS, 'Olelo Community Television continues to provide
19 the Legislature with technical and engineering support,
20 programming time for cablecasts, broadcast production television
21 equipment, and preventive maintenance, repair, and replacement
22 as needed; and
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24 WHEREAS, a private broadcast production company is
25 currently contracted by the Legislature to produce broadcasts of
26 legislative proceedings; and
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28 WHEREAS, in order to ensure consistency, reliability, and
29 responsibility for programming, the House of Representatives
30 feels it necessary to establish policies to govern the
31 participation in the legislative broadcast program; now,
32 therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
3 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
4 of 2009, that the following policies shall govern the activities
5 of the legislative broadcast program as it pertains to the House
6 of Representatives:
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8 (1) Project Responsibility: The content, selection, and
9 editorial policies shall be administered by the
10 Speaker of the House of Representatives or the
11 Speaker's designee. 'Olelo Community Television shall
12 provide technical and engineering support, programming
13 time for cablecasts, broadcast production television
14 equipment, and preventive maintenance, repair, and
15 replacement as needed;
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17 (2) Distribution: Cablecast programming coverage and
18 distribution shall be provided by 'Olelo Community
19 Television on O'ahu; by Akaku: Maui Community
20 Television on Maui, Moloka'i, and Lana'i; by Ho'ike:
21 Kaua'i Community Television on Kaua'i; and by Na Leo 'O
22 Hawai'i, Inc. on Hawai'i. All bona fide news
23 organizations and educational institutions shall be
24 authorized to utilize the programming material and
25 shall bear costs associated with such programming.
26 Political or commercial uses of the material are
27 prohibited;
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29 (3) Programming Content: Programming shall include live
30 and tape-delayed cablecasts. All public committee
31 hearings, legislative sessions, and other legislative
32 proceedings shall be authorized for programming and
33 selected by the Speaker of the House of
34 Representatives or the Speaker's designee. In
35 addition, the Speaker or the Speaker's designee may
36 authorize special programming. Programming material
37 shall not be used for political or commercial
38 purposes;
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1 (4) Editing: Cablecasts of legislative proceedings shall
 2 be covered gavel-to-gavel, and shall include coverage
 3 of the speaker recognized by the chair or presiding
 4 officer. Occasional shots of the entire committee or
 5 assembled body shall be allowed; however, close-up
 6 "reaction" shots shall not be permitted; and
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8 (5) Ownership and Use of Programming: Tapes and
 9 cablecasts shall be considered the property of the
 10 House of Representatives. Tapes and cablecasts shall
 11 not be considered an official record of the meeting,
 12 and there shall be no liability for inadvertent
 13 erasure or omission. Tapes of proceedings shall be
 14 retained at least for a period of time necessary for
 15 rebroadcasts on neighbor island cable systems, and for
 16 use in program evaluation and staff training; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of
 20 Representatives, House Majority Leader, House Minority Leader,
 21 'Olélo Community Television, Akaku: Maui Community Television,
 22 Ho'ike: Kaua'i Community Television, Na Leo 'O Hawai'i, Inc., and
 23 Oceanic Time Warner Cable of Hawaii.
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