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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, the legislative broadcast program began cable
2 casting Senate proceedings on a pilot basis in 1994, and has
3 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 PEG (public-education-
12 government) access channels and video casting on the Internet;
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15 WHEREAS, the legislative broadcast program is intended to
16 increase public access to and participation in the legislative
17 process; and
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19 WHEREAS, 'Olelo Community Television continues to provide
20 the Legislature with invaluable technical and engineering
21 support, programming time for cablecasts, broadcast production
22 television equipment, and preventive maintenance, repair, and
23 replacement as needed; and
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25 WHEREAS, a private broadcast production company is
26 currently contracted by the Legislature to produce broadcasts of
27 legislative proceedings; and
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29 WHEREAS, the purpose of this measure is to establish
30 policies governing the Senate's participation in the legislative
31 broadcast program; now, therefore,
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
34 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
35 that the following policies shall govern the activities of the
36 legislative broadcast program as it pertains to the Senate:



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2 (1) Project Responsibility: The content, selection, and
3 editorial policies shall be administered by the
4 President of the Senate or President's designee.
5 'Olelo Community Television shall provide technical and
6 engineering support, programming time for cablecasts,
7 broadcast production television equipment, and
8 preventive maintenance, repair, and replacement as
9 needed;
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11 (2) Distribution: Cablecast programming coverage and
12 distribution shall be provided by 'Olelo Community
13 Television on O'ahu; by Akaku: Maui Community
14 Television on Maui, Moloka'i, and Lana'i; by Ho'ike:
15 Kaua'i Community Television on Kaua'i; and by Na Leo 'O
16 Hawai'i, Inc. on Hawai'i. All bona fide news
17 organizations and educational institutions shall be
18 authorized to utilize the programming material and
19 shall bear costs associated with such programming.
20 Political or commercial uses of the material are
21 prohibited;
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23 (3) Programming Content: Programming shall include live
24 and tape-delayed cablecasts. All public committee
25 hearings, legislative sessions, and other legislative
26 proceedings shall be authorized for programming and
27 selected by the Public Access Room Coordinator based
28 upon the criteria of public interest and
29 newsworthiness, as measured by column-inches in
30 statewide newspapers and minutes of television news
31 coverage. The President of the Senate or President's
32 designee may authorize special programming in
33 consultation with the Senate Majority Leader and
34 Senate Minority Leader. Programming material shall
35 not be used for political or commercial purposes;
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37 (4) Editing: Cablecasts of legislative proceedings shall
38 be covered gavel-to-gavel, and shall include coverage
39 of the speaker recognized by the chair or presiding
40 officer. Occasional shots of the entire committee or
41 assembled body shall be allowed; however, close-up
42 "reaction" shots shall not be permitted; and
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1 (5) Ownership and Use of Programming: Tapes and
2 cablecasts shall be considered the property of the
3 Senate. Tapes and cablecasts shall not be considered
4 an official record of the meeting, and there shall be
5 no liability for inadvertent erasure or omission.
6 Tapes of proceedings shall be retained at least for a
7 period of time necessary for rebroadcasts on neighbor
8 island cable systems, and for use in program
9 evaluation and staff training; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, Senate
13 Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, Public Access Room
14 Coordinator, Speaker of the House of Representatives, 'Olelo
15 Community Television, Akaku: Maui Community Television, Ho'ike:
16 Kaua'i Community Television, Na Leo 'O Hawai'i, Inc., and Oceanic
17 Time Warner Cable of Hawaii.

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