
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE
TO REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING WI-FI INTERNET
ACCESS ON SCHOOL BUSES.

1 WHEREAS, on average, Hawaii public school students living
2 in remote areas commute to the nearest public school by riding a
3 school bus for up to fifty-six hours each month; and
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5 WHEREAS, access to the Internet via Wi-Fi technology on
6 public school buses may turn the long bus rides into productive
7 learning time; and
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9 WHEREAS, Wi-Fi internet access on school buses allows
10 students to research school projects, work on homework
11 assignments, and submit assignments electronically; and
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13 WHEREAS, some schools or districts in Arizona, Arkansas,
14 Florida, Missouri, and Washington D.C., have implemented Wi-Fi
15 technology on school buses; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
20 is requested to establish a task force to research and report on
21 the feasibility of providing Wi-Fi internet access on school
22 buses on routes where one-way commutes exceed thirty minutes;
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
26 include in its report estimates of the cost of Wi-Fi equipment,
27 installation, service, and potential revenue sources; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
30 the task force include representatives from the Department of
31 Education's Office of Information Technology Services, the



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1 Department of Education Student Transportation Services Branch,
 2 one representative from each of the companies that provides
 3 school bus service in areas where one-way commutes exceed thirty
 4 minutes, parents from those remote areas, and teachers with
 5 students who live in those remote areas; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 8 requested to submit a report of the task force's findings and
 9 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 10 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 11 the Regular Session of 2011; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
 15 Education.

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