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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE  
CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF CELL TOWERS.

1           WHEREAS, cell towers have been growing in number in the  
2 State; and

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4           WHEREAS, cell towers expand coverage for mobile phones and  
5 electronic devices for businesses and individuals; and

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7           WHEREAS, in remote locations of the State, especially on  
8 the neighbor islands, wireless service coverage is intermittent,  
9 unreliable, and in some cases non-existent; and

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11           WHEREAS, due to the State's mountainous terrain and  
12 volcanic topography, as well as the separation of the State by  
13 the Hawaiian islands, wireless mobile communication devices are  
14 more cost effective and efficient than traditional wired  
15 technology; and

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17           WHEREAS, cell towers may transmit microwaves or other  
18 frequencies with varying wavelengths, which can be hazardous to  
19 humans if directed towards populous areas; and

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21           WHEREAS, in some residential communities in the State, cell  
22 towers are unsightly and ruin ocean and mountain views for many  
23 residents; and

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25           WHEREAS, while the installation of cell towers are  
26 necessary to increase the State's communication capabilities,  
27 residents have concerns over the location of towers in  
28 residential neighborhoods; now, therefore,

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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
32 of 2010, that the Department of Business, Economic Development,  
33 and Tourism is requested to provide information to the  
34 Legislature on cell towers in the State, including:



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- 2 (1) Any federal, state, or county laws, rules, and
- 3 regulations that apply to the location, construction,
- 4 and operation of cell towers; and
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- 6 (2) The types of services provided by cell towers and the
- 7 area of service that the tower provides; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
10 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit its  
11 findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than  
12 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
13 2011; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of  
17 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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OFFERED BY: 

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