
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Education is requested to
20 establish a task force to research and report on the feasibility
21 of providing Wi-Fi internet access on school buses on routes
22 where one-way commutes exceed thirty minutes; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
25 include in its report estimates of the cost of Wi-Fi equipment,
26 installation, service, and potential revenue sources; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body requests that the
29 task force include representatives from the Department of
30 Education's Office of Information Technology Services, the
31 Department of Education Student Transportation Services Branch,
32 one representative from each of the companies that provides
33 school bus service in areas where one-way commutes exceed thirty



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1 minutes, parents from those remote areas, and teachers with
2 students who live in those remote areas; and

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

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education.
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