
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, the legislative broadcast program, which was
2 established and began cable casting House of Representatives'
3 proceedings on a pilot basis in 1994, and has been renewed every
4 session since then; and

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6 WHEREAS, Act 373, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, codified as
7 chapter 21G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to public access,
8 established the legislative broadcast program; and

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10 WHEREAS, the legislative broadcast program produces live
11 and tape-delayed video broadcasts of selected legislative
12 proceedings for cable casting on public-education-government
13 access channels and video casting on the Internet; and

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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 technical and engineering support,
21 programming time for cablecasts, broadcast production television
22 equipment, and preventive maintenance, repair, and replacement
23 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, in order to ensure consistency, reliability, and
30 responsibility for programming, the House of Representatives
31 feels it necessary to establish policies to govern the



1 participation in the legislative broadcast program; now,
2 therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2010, that the following policies shall govern the activities
7 of the legislative broadcast program as it pertains to the House
8 of Representatives:
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10 (1) Project Responsibility: The content, selection, and
11 editorial policies shall be administered by the
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives or the
13 Speaker's designee. 'Olelo Community Television shall
14 provide technical and engineering support, programming
15 time for cablecasts, broadcast production television
16 equipment, and preventive maintenance, repair, and
17 replacement as needed;
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19 (2) Distribution: Cablecast programming coverage and
20 distribution shall be provided by 'Olelo Community
21 Television on O'ahu; by Akaku: Maui Community
22 Television on Maui, Moloka'i, and Lana'i; by Ho'ike:
23 Kaua'i Community Television on Kaua'i; and by Na Leo 'O
24 Hawai'i, Inc., on Hawai'i. All bona fide news
25 organizations and educational institutions shall be
26 authorized to utilize the programming material and
27 shall bear costs associated with the programming.
28 Political or commercial uses of the material are
29 prohibited;
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31 (3) Programming Content: Programming shall include live
32 and tape-delayed cablecasts. All public committee
33 hearings, legislative sessions, and other legislative
34 proceedings shall be authorized for programming and
35 selected by the Speaker of the House of
36 Representatives or the Speaker's designee. In
37 addition, the Speaker or the Speaker's designee may
38 authorize special programming. Programming material
39 shall not be used for political or commercial
40 purposes;



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(4) Editing: Cablecasts of legislative proceedings shall be covered gavel-to-gavel, and shall include coverage of the speaker recognized by the chair or presiding officer. Occasional shots of the entire committee or assembled body shall be allowed; however, close-up "reaction" shots shall not be permitted; and

(5) Ownership and Use of Programming: Tapes and cablecasts shall be considered the property of the House of Representatives. Tapes and cablecasts shall not be considered an official record of the meeting, and there shall be no liability for inadvertent erasure or omission. Tapes of proceedings shall be retained at least for a period of time necessary for rebroadcasts on neighbor island cable systems, and for use in program evaluation and staff training; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, House Majority Leader, House Minority Leader, 'Olelo Community Television, Akaku: Maui Community Television, Ho'ike: Kaua'i Community Television, Na Leo 'O Hawai'i, Inc., and Oceanic Time Warner Cable of Hawaii.

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