
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING CELLULAR PHONE CARRIERS TO IMPLEMENT ONE-WAY CHARGES
FOR CALLS ON THEIR NETWORKS.

1 WHEREAS, there are more than one million wireless phone
2 subscribers in the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, wireless phone subscribers are charged by
5 providers twice for the same call, once to the person initiating
6 the call, and again to the person receiving the call for the
7 duration of the call; and

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9 WHEREAS, wireless telecommunications carriers are subject
10 to access charges -- a specific fee for transporting and
11 terminating a call on another wireless or wireline network for
12 interstate and intrastate calls; and

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14 WHEREAS, access charges are assessed to the wireless
15 carrier of the subscriber initiating the call, while the
16 receiving subscriber's wireless carrier does not incur similar
17 charges; and

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19 WHEREAS, in countries such as India, wireless carriers only
20 charge one-way instead of assessing charges on both the person
21 initiating the call and the person receiving the call; and

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23 WHEREAS, it is unfair for wireless carriers to charge a
24 subscriber for answering a call because the person receiving an
25 incoming call does not initiate the call; and

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27 WHEREAS, since wireless carriers are required to pay an
28 access fee for terminating traffic on another network from a
29 subscriber who initiates a call, subscribers who merely receive
30 a call should not be charged for the call since their wireless
31 carrier is not similarly charged; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2010, that this body urges wireless communications carriers
 4 to implement one-way charges by only charging a subscriber for
 5 calls that the subscriber initiates and excluding calls received
 6 by the subscriber; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of
 10 the Public Utilities Commission, and the Chief Executive Officer
 11 of AT&T Wireless, Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile, Sprint-Nextel, and
 12 Mobi-PCS.
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