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SENATE CONCURRENT 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 Senate of the Twenty-fifth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the



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1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
2 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to
3 provide information to the Legislature on cell towers in the
4 State, including:

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6 (1) Any federal, state, or county laws, rules, and
7 regulations that apply to the location, construction,
8 and operation of cell towers; and
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10 (2) The types of services provided by cell towers and the
11 area of service that the tower provides; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
14 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit its
15 findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than
16 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
17 2011; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
21 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.
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