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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING REPORTS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING EXISTING
TELECONFERENCING AND VIDEOCONFERENCING FACILITIES FOR
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS AND BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETINGS.

1 WHEREAS, during these difficult economic times, the
2 University of Hawaii and the Department of Education must
3 explore ways to reduce their budgets; and
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5 WHEREAS, all of the campuses of the University of Hawaii
6 System currently have the equipment and facilities to conduct
7 meetings via teleconferencing and videoconferencing; and
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9 WHEREAS, some of these facilities may be underutilized
10 during non-instructional periods; and
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12 WHEREAS, several Department of Education district and
13 school sites also have teleconferencing and videoconferencing
14 equipment; and
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16 WHEREAS, teleconferencing and videoconferencing may allow
17 faculty, students, and community members from other islands to
18 testify, listen to discussions on issues, and participate more
19 easily in meetings; and
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21 WHEREAS, increased use of teleconferencing and
22 videoconferencing can significantly reduce the amount of time
23 and money, including airfare, lodging, and car rentals,
24 associated with inter-island travel to meetings; and
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26 WHEREAS, individuals may be more willing to serve on
27 volunteer boards if time away from work and family could be
28 reduced; and
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30 WHEREAS, problems among some boards in meeting quorum
31 requirements may be reduced if members are able to attend
32 meetings via teleconferencing and videoconferencing; and



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WHEREAS, the Early Learning Council, which has successfully held meetings via videoconferencing or teleconferencing over the past year, is one example of the way an agency may improve cost efficiency through teleconferencing and videoconferencing; and

WHEREAS, a minimum of one meeting a year could be conducted through modern technology available through the University of Hawaii and the Department of Education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the House of Representatives concurring, that the University of Hawaii and the Department of Education are each requested to report on:

- (1) Their respective inventory of existing teleconferencing and videoconferencing facilities and equipment; and
- (2) The feasibility of holding at least one Board of Regents or Board of Education meeting, respectively, via videoconferencing or teleconferencing a year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii and the Department of Education are requested to report their respective findings to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the University of Hawaii System, the Superintendent of Education, the Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, and the Chairperson of the Board of Education.

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