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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 Department of Education must explore  
3 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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2 WHEREAS, the Early Learning Council, which has successfully  
3 held meetings via videoconferencing or teleconferencing over the  
4 past year, is one example of the way an agency may improve cost  
5 efficiency through teleconferencing and videoconferencing; and  
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7 WHEREAS, a minimum of one meeting a year could be conducted  
8 via modern technology available through the University of Hawaii  
9 and Department of Education; now, therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of  
14 Hawaii and Department of Education are each requested to report  
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17 (1) Their respective inventory of existing  
18 teleconferencing and videoconferencing facilities and  
19 equipment; and  
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21 (2) The feasibility of holding Board of Regents and Board  
22 of Education meetings, including any community,  
23 committee, or subcommittee meetings, via  
24 videoconferencing or teleconferencing; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii and  
27 Department of Education are requested to report their respective  
28 findings, including to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
29 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
33 University of Hawaii System, Superintendent of Education,  
34 Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii,  
35 and Chairperson of the Board of Education.  
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