
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO EXPLORE THE OPTIONS OF
TELECOMMUNICATING FOR COMMITTEE HEARINGS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a state comprised of multiple islands of
2 which more than 400,000 people live outside the island of Oahu;
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5 WHEREAS, testifying in Legislative hearings requires
6 neighbor island residents to purchase airfare to Oahu often at
7 less than 48 hour notice, in order to appear at the State
8 Capitol; and
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10 WHEREAS, this travel creates a financial hardship, often an
11 insurmountable obstacle, to those individuals wishing to
12 testify, often resulting in the exclusion of a third of the
13 state population from the legislative process; and
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15 WHEREAS, new technology allows for teleconferencing at
16 points on the neighbor islands which can be viewed at the
17 capitol by committee members without requiring travel; and
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19 WHEREAS, this new technology would provide increased
20 opportunity for constituent input from neighbor island
21 residents; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Sergeant at Arms
26 Offices of both the House and Senate report on the feasibility
27 of creating a telecommunication system which allows neighbor
28 island residents to testify from their home island via
29 telecommuting; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report also consider the
32 current cost of testifying to neighbor island residents; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report also consider the costs of telecommunication equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report also consider the forum that would best meet the needs of outer island residents and Hawaii Legislators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of each house may collaborate with any State office, public utility, business, school, or organization which can provide guidance on the appropriate appliance of a telecommunication system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report should be submitted and filed no later than 20 days prior to the commencement of the 2012 Legislative session

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and the Mayor of each County in the State of Hawaii.

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