
HOUSE 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, that the Sergeant at Arms Offices of both the House and
26 Senate report on the feasibility of creating a telecommunication
27 system which allows neighbor island residents to testify from
28 their home island via telecommuting; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report also consider the
31 current cost of testifying to neighbor island residents; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report also consider the
2 costs of telecommunication equipment; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report also consider the
5 forum that would best meet the needs of outer island residents
6 and Hawaii Legislators; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Sergeant at
9 Arms of each house may collaborate with any State office, public
10 utility, business, school, or organization which can provide
11 guidance on the appropriate appliance of a telecommunication
12 system; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report should be submitted
15 and filed no later than 20 days prior to the commencement of the
16 2012 Legislative session
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Governor of the State of
20 Hawaii, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
21 President of the Senate and the Mayor of each County in the
22 State of Hawaii.
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