
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A
COMPARATIVE STUDY OF STATES CONCERNING THE COSTS AND
METHODS OF PUBLICIZING REQUIRED STATUTORY LEGAL NOTICES
PAID FOR WITH PUBLIC FUNDS.

1 WHEREAS, the State and its government agencies are required
2 by the Hawaii Revised Statutes and various administrative rules
3 to provide legal notice in newspapers in certain circumstances;
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6 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin acquired the Honolulu
7 Advertiser and merged the two into a sole surviving daily
8 newspaper, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser; and

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10 WHEREAS, the advertising costs for publication have
11 increased since the time of the merger of the two newspapers;
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14 WHEREAS, media, such as the Internet, radio, and
15 television, have created alternatives to the publication of
16 legal notice through newspapers; and

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18 WHEREAS, it has been reported that technology has allowed
19 over 100 Pennsylvania newspapers to currently post their printed
20 public notices on the Internet at no cost to the local
21 government; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2014, that the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) is
26 requested to conduct a comparative study of states concerning
27 the costs and methods of publicizing required statutory legal
28 notices paid for with public funds; and



- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LRB study:
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3 (1) Compare the costs and methods of publicizing required
4 legal notices of the states;
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6 (2) Examine alternative methods of publicizing required
7 legal notices, including on television, radio, and the
8 Internet; and
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10 (3) Determine the most effective channels of media for
11 publicizing required legal notices; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LRB is requested to submit its
14 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
15 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to
16 the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Acting Director of LRB.

