
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING THE LEGISLATIVE SOCIAL MEDIA TASK FORCE.

1 WHEREAS, it is in the State's interest to remain adaptable
2 and open to incorporating established and emerging technologies
3 into its practices to better facilitate its work and functions;
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6 WHEREAS, in recent years, technologies such as live video
7 streaming services have become routine methods of communication
8 and broadcast of both public and personal events and messages;
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11 WHEREAS, state legislative caucuses, agencies, and elected
12 officials are increasingly using social media and social
13 networking sites to reach out to and interact with constituents;
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16 WHEREAS, in section 92-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the
17 Legislature "declares that it is the policy of this State that
18 the formation and conduct of public policy - the discussions,
19 deliberations, decisions, and action of governmental agencies -
20 shall be conducted as openly as possible"; and
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22 WHEREAS, utilization of technologies such as recorded
23 broadcasts or live video streaming services may expand access to
24 and participation in legislative hearings and sessions, thus
25 aligning with state policy; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
29 2019, the Senate concurring, that a Legislative Social Media
30 Task Force be convened to study issues related to the use of
31 social media platforms in the legislative process, including:
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- 1 (1) The technological possibility of testifiers offering
2 their testimony to the Legislature through recorded
3 broadcasts or live video streaming services such as
4 Facebook Live;
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- 6 (2) The current capability of the State and the
7 Legislature's information technology infrastructure to
8 relay testimonies through recorded broadcasts or live
9 video streaming services such as Facebook Live;
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- 11 (3) The estimated cost of upgrading the State and
12 Legislature's information technology infrastructure so
13 that it may relay testimonies through recorded
14 broadcasts or live video, if the State and
15 Legislature's information technology infrastructure is
16 currently not able to do so;
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- 18 (4) Any impact that an alternative broadcasting method for
19 legislative hearings and session may have on any
20 contract the State currently has with Olelo Community
21 Media or any other broadcast service;
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- 23 (5) Any specific issues related to using a live video
24 streaming service such as Facebook Live, including any
25 associated fees or costs related to use of the
26 technology or any necessary increase in bandwidth;
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- 28 (6) Whether use of a live video streaming service such as
29 Facebook Live would increase the number of households,
30 including households that do not have cable services,
31 that can access broadcasts of legislative hearings and
32 sessions; and
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- 34 (7) Any other issues of concern to the Legislative Social
35 Media Task Force; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Social Media
38 Task Force comprise the:

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- 40 (1) Chief Information Officer of the Office of Enterprise
41 Technology Services, or the Chief Information
42 Officer's designee, who shall serve as chair; and



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(2) Any member selected by the Chief Information Officer who has relevant knowledge, training, or experience in information technology and communications;

provided that the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint at least one member to the Legislative Social Media Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative Social Media Task Force is requested to convene no later than thirty days after the adoption of this measure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative Social Media Task Force is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative Social Media Task Force is requested to dissolve on June 30, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Senate President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services.

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