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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AND COUNTIES TO EXPAND EFFORTS FOR  
COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES,  
STATEWIDE PLANS, AND PLANS THAT AFFECT RURAL COMMUNITIES.

1           WHEREAS, section 91-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
2 one public hearing as part of the process to adopt  
3 administrative rules; and  
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5           WHEREAS, while many state and county departments and  
6 agencies often hold multiple public hearings as part of the  
7 administrative rule adoption process or hold multiple community  
8 meetings for proposed statewide plans, most of those hearings or  
9 community meetings occur on the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui,  
10 and Oahu; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the residents of Molokai and Lanai must fly to  
13 Maui or another island to participate in those public hearings  
14 or community meetings to ensure that their input is considered;  
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17           WHEREAS, on occasion, a state department or agency has  
18 proposed changes that would affect a rural area, but only held  
19 community meetings addressing that issue in downtown Honolulu on  
20 Oahu and other areas outside of that rural area; and  
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22           WHEREAS, notices for hearings and community meetings often  
23 do not contain an email address or easily discernable mailing  
24 address for members of the community to submit testimony and  
25 other written comments; and  
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27           WHEREAS, notices that allow for the submission of testimony  
28 and other written comments often do not reflect a clear deadline  
29 for those submissions; now, therefore,



# H.C.R. NO. 66

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
 3 2019, the Senate concurring, that all state departments and  
 4 agencies are requested to hold at least one hearing on each of  
 5 the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, Lanai, Maui, Molokai, and Oahu  
 6 before adopting any administrative rule with a statewide effect;  
 7 and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state departments and  
 10 agencies are requested to hold at least one community meeting on  
 11 each of the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, Lanai, Maui, Molokai, and  
 12 Oahu before adopting any statewide plan; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a community meeting by a  
 15 state or county department or agency addresses an issue specific  
 16 to a rural area, it is requested that at least one community  
 17 meeting be held in that rural area; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notices for state and county  
 20 public hearings and community meetings are requested to include:


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 22 (1) A mailing address and email address to which testimony  
 23 and other written comments relevant to the hearing or  
 24 public meeting may be easily submitted; and  
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 26 (2) A clearly written deadline for the submission of  
 27 testimony and other written comments; and  
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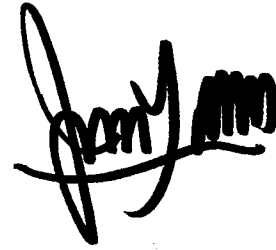
29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant  
 31 Governor, head of each principal department, and the mayor of  
 32 each county.  
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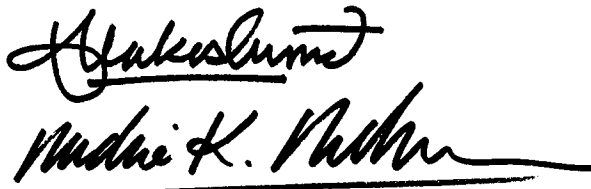
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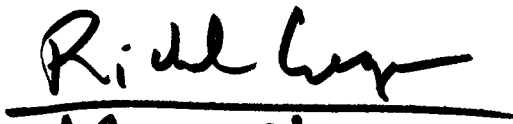
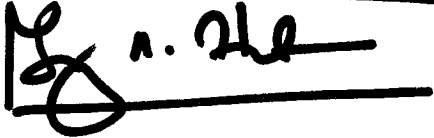


  
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