
HOUSE 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;
4 and

5
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;
9 and

10
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;
14 and

15
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

21
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,

26
27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
29 2019, that a Legislative Social Media Task Force be convened to
30 study issues related to the use of social media platforms in the
31 legislative process, including:

- 32
33 (1) The technological possibility of testifiers offering
34 their testimony to the Legislature through recorded



H.R. NO. 133

- 1 broadcasts or live video streaming services such as
2 Facebook Live;
3
4 (2) The current capability of the State and the
5 Legislature's information technology infrastructure to
6 relay testimonies through recorded broadcasts or live
7 video streaming services such as Facebook Live;
8
9 (3) The estimated cost of upgrading the State and
10 Legislature's information technology infrastructure so
11 that it may relay testimonies through recorded
12 broadcasts or live video, if the State and
13 Legislature's information technology infrastructure is
14 currently not able to do so;
15
16 (4) Any impact that an alternative broadcasting method for
17 legislative hearings and session may have on any
18 contract the State currently has with Olelo Community
19 Media or any other broadcast service;
20
21 (5) Any specific issues related to using a live video
22 streaming service such as Facebook Live, including any
23 associated fees or costs related to use of the
24 technology or any necessary increase in bandwidth;
25
26 (6) Whether use of a live video streaming service such as
27 Facebook Live would increase the number of households,
28 including households that do not have cable services,
29 that can access broadcasts of legislative hearings and
30 sessions; and
31
32 (7) Any other issues of concern to the Legislative Social
33 Media Task Force; and
34

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Social Media
36 Task Force comprise the:

- 37
38 (1) Chief Information Officer of the Office of Enterprise
39 Technology Services, or the Chief Information
40 Officer's designee, who shall serve as chair; and
41



H.R. NO. 133

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

4
 5 provided that the Senate President and the Speaker of the House
 6 of Representatives shall each appoint at least one member to the
 7 Legislative Social Media Task Force; and

8
 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative Social Media Task
 10 Force is requested to convene no later than thirty days after
 11 the adoption of this measure; and

12
 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative Social Media Task
 14 Force is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of its
 15 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
 16 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 17 the Regular Session of 2020; and

18
 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative Social Media Task
 20 Force is requested to dissolve on June 30, 2020; and

21
 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 23 Resolution be transmitted to the Senate President, the Speaker
 24 of the House of Representatives, and the Chief Information
 25 Officer of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services.

26
 27
 28

OFFERED BY: 




