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SENATE 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,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
 2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
 3 Representatives 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

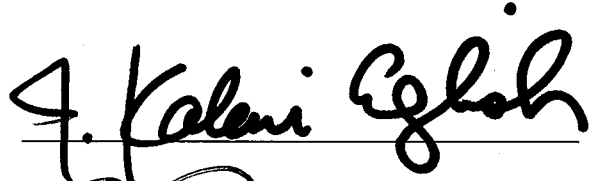


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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a community meeting by a
 15 state or county department or agency addresses an issue specific
 16 to a rural area, it is requested that at least one community
 17 meeting be held in that rural area; and



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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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