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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES DENYING A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY FULL AND EQUAL ENJOYMENT OF INFORMATION RELATED TO THEIR SERVICES, FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES, ADVANTAGES, OR ACCOMMODATIONS USING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTENDED FOR USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

1 WHEREAS, the information age is changing how providers of
2 public accommodations communicate with customers and the public,
3 including the use of technologies such as websites and
4 applications on smartphones and other mobile devices; and

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6 WHEREAS, ready access to and use of information and
7 communication technology is essential for all citizens to have
8 equal access to and full enjoyment of the goods, services,
9 facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a
10 place of public accommodation; and

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12 WHEREAS, websites and applications used by public
13 accommodation providers are too often inaccessible to and not
14 usable by persons with disabilities, denying them full and equal
15 access; and

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17 WHEREAS, existing state and federal laws that prohibit
18 discrimination in public accommodations based on disability
19 should better assist providers of public accommodations and
20 persons with disabilities by affirming and clarifying
21 requirements for electronic access; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
25 that the Department of Health is requested to prohibit
26 discriminatory practices for public accommodations that deny a
27 person with a disability full and equal enjoyment of information
28 related to their services, facilities, privileges, advantages,
29 or accommodations using information and communication technology
30 intended for use by the general public as applicants,
31 participants, customers, clients, or visitors; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and
3 Chairperson of the Disability and Communication Access Board.
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OFFERED BY: _____
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By Request

