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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that providing access for  
2 residents to participate in the legislative process is a basic  
3 right of citizenship in the State and should continue to be a  
4 priority. Providing equitable access to the legislative process  
5 for nearly four hundred fifty thousand residents on neighbor  
6 islands as well as those in rural Oahu is crucial to improving  
7 the functionality of the legislative process. With the rising  
8 costs of airfare, gas, and lodging, providing designated  
9 locations or state offices on neighbor islands and in rural Oahu  
10 where citizens can participate remotely in the legislative  
11 process will help reduce the financial burden of participation.

12           The purpose of this Act is to require the office of  
13 enterprise technology services to establish a working group to  
14 identify state resources that can be utilized for  
15 telecommunication to increase neighbor island and rural Oahu  
16 residents' participation in the legislative process.



1           SECTION 2. (a) The office of enterprise technology  
2 services shall establish a working group to conduct a study to  
3 identify state office buildings that are able to provide  
4 equitable telecommunication access to allow residents of the  
5 counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, and residents of rural  
6 areas in the city and county of Honolulu, including residents  
7 with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative  
8 hearings.

9           (b) The working group shall consist of the following  
10 members:

11           (1) The chief information officer or the officer's  
12           designee, who shall serve as chair of the working  
13           group;

14           (2) The comptroller or the comptroller's designee, who  
15           shall serve as co-chair of the working group;

16           (3) A representative from the county of Hawaii, appointed  
17           by the county's mayor;

18           (4) A representative from the county of Maui, appointed by  
19           the county's mayor;

20           (5) A representative of the city and county of Honolulu,  
21           appointed by the county's mayor;



1           (6) A representative from the county of Kauai, appointed  
2           by the county's mayor;

3           (7) The president of the University of Hawaii or the  
4           president's designee; and

5           (8) The chairperson of the department of health's  
6           disability and communication access board or the  
7           chairperson's designee.

8           (c) The members of the working group shall convene  
9           virtually and serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed  
10          for expenses necessary for the performance of their duties.

11          (d) The working group shall be exempt from part I of  
12          chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; provided that the office of  
13          enterprise technology services shall make available to the  
14          public on the office of enterprise technology services' internet  
15          website minutes of all the working group's meetings.

16          (e) The office of enterprise technology services shall  
17          provide administrative support to the working group, including  
18          preparing agendas and minutes, organizing meetings, and  
19          reporting on activities and recommendations.

20          (f) The working group shall submit a report of its  
21          findings and recommendations, including any proposed



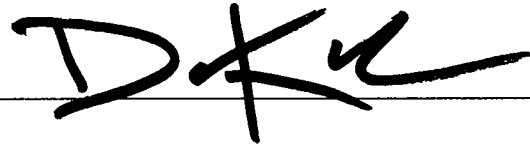
1 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

3 (g) The working group shall dissolve on June 30, 2024.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



# S.B. NO. 752

**Report Title:**

Office of Enterprise Technology Services; Study; State Office Buildings; Telecommunications; Accessibility; Legislative Hearings; Report

**Description:**

Requires the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to establish a working group to conduct a study to identify state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow certain residents, including residents with disabilities, to participate remotely in legislative hearings. Requires a report to the Legislature. Dissolves the working group on 6/30/2024.

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