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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HAWAII ELECTRONIC
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY ACT ON OR BEFORE
DECEMBER 31, 2024.

1 WHEREAS, Act 172, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, known as the
2 "Hawaii Electronic Information Technology Accessibility Act,"
3 (Act 172), was signed into law on June 27, 2022, with the goal
4 of making all electronic information technology developed,
5 purchased, used, or provided by state entities accessible to
6 persons with disabilities; and

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8 WHEREAS, Act 172 requires the Office of Enterprise
9 Technology Services, in consultation with the Disability and
10 Communication Access Board and a working group composed of
11 stakeholders, to develop and publish electronic information
12 technology accessibility standards to be implemented by all
13 state entities; and

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15 WHEREAS, these standards are to be consistent with federal
16 standards issued by the United States Access Board to implement
17 section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and
18 the web access standards issued by the World Wide Web Consortium
19 Web Accessibility Initiative; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Chief Information Officer is required to issue
22 the Hawaii Electronic Information Technology Accessibility
23 Standards, and state entities are required to review and
24 incorporate these standards into their procurement and
25 development rules, policies, and procedures, within six months
26 of the publication of the standards or any amendments thereto;
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29 WHEREAS, these requirements have been in effect since
30 Act 172 was signed into law, but the standards have not yet been
31 issued more than eighteen months later; and

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1 WHEREAS, many states already require compliance with
2 federal accessibility standards and model standards already
3 exist that can be modified if needed for use in Hawaii, making
4 further delay inexcusable to complete implementation of Act 172;
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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that implementation of Act
8 172 is essential to ensure all residents equal access to goods,
9 services, benefits, education, and employment opportunities
10 provided by state entities; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Chief Information
15 Officer is urged to ensure the prompt implementation of Act 172,
16 Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, on or before December 31, 2024; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Information Officer
19 is requested and advised to submit a report to the Legislature
20 no later than thirty days prior to the Regular Session of 2025,
21 describing the status of implementation of Act 172 and making
22 any recommendations for future legislation needed to ensure the
23 State's electronic information technology meets or exceeds
24 federal accessibility standards; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chief
28 Information Officer, and the Executive Director of the
29 Disability and Communication Access Board.

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OFFERED BY:

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