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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING LEGISLATORS TO MEET WITH THEIR CONSTITUENCIES AT  
LEAST ONCE AFTER THE CLOSE OF EACH REGULAR LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION IN A FACILITATED DEBRIEF, USING THE PRINCIPLES OF  
ALOHA SPIRIT PURSUANT TO ACT 202, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII  
1986.

1           WHEREAS, all legislators, upon being sworn in as duly  
2 elected representatives of the people, are required to take an  
3 oath of office; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the oath of office is a promise to conduct the  
6 business of the State in a manner consistent with the United  
7 States Constitution and other federal laws, as well as those of  
8 the State; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the oath of office states, in part, that elected  
11 legislators will conscientiously and impartially discharge their  
12 duties as members of the Legislature; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the oath of office is, moreover, a promise to the  
15 people of Hawaii who elected them that legislators will also  
16 report to their constituents their successes and failures  
17 following each annual convening of the Legislature and,  
18 hopefully, the activities that occur between convenings; and  
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20           WHEREAS, while many of the legislators submit information  
21 of the year's activities via website notices, newsletters, or  
22 other kinds of material specific to their work at the  
23 Legislature, no requirement exists for community debriefings  
24 where legislators can meet with those who elected them to review  
25 what worked in the preceding legislative session and what could  
26 be improved; and  
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28           WHEREAS, a debrief is not one-sided, is more than an  
29 informational question and answer session, and would greatly  
30 benefit the community, allowing them opportunity to engage in  
31 dialogue that leads to solutions, thus assisting legislators to  
32 move their projects forward; and  
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1           WHEREAS, regularly scheduled meetings could be promoted as  
2 a plus for those running again for office, in effect a promise  
3 that, once elected, the legislator will maintain in contact with  
4 their constituents at least once at the end of each regular  
5 legislative session; and  
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7           WHEREAS, through Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 1986,  
8 codified as section 5-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Aloha  
9 Spirit Law, the State provides a standard of behavior that  
10 includes specific attributes for conversing with others that  
11 would govern interactions during these facilitated gatherings,  
12 thus insuring listening and respectful responses; now,  
13 therefore,  
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15           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
17 that legislators are requested to meet with their constituencies  
18 at least once after the close of each regular legislative  
19 session in a facilitated debrief, using the principles of Aloha  
20 Spirit pursuant to Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 1986; and  
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22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate and  
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

