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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BROADCAST PROGRAM'S  
CABLECAST OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature, through the passage  
2 of Act 331, Session Laws of Hawaii 1989, embarked upon a program  
3 to increase public access to and participation in the  
4 legislative process through the utilization of new information  
5 technologies; and

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7           WHEREAS, increased cable coverage leads to greater public  
8 awareness of issues vital to the State and greater participation  
9 in the democratic process; and

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11           WHEREAS, the legislative broadcast program exists to serve  
12 the public's interest through broadcasting proceedings relating  
13 to topics that are relevant and newsworthy; and

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15           WHEREAS, through a grant from 'Olelo Community Television,  
16 the Legislature started to provide cable television coverage of  
17 selected House proceedings in the 1994 legislative session; and

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19           WHEREAS, 'Olelo Community Television continues to provide  
20 the Legislature with invaluable technical and engineering  
21 support, programming time for cablecasts, broadcast production  
22 television equipment and preventive maintenance, repair, and  
23 replacement as needed; and

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25           WHEREAS, Act 259, Session Laws of Hawaii 1994, and Act 5,  
26 Session Laws of Hawaii, Special Session of 1995, declared the  
27 Legislature's commitment to provide greater public access to  
28 legislative proceedings via cable television, and provided  
29 appropriations to fund the Legislative Access Cable Television  
30 Project for the Eighteenth Legislature which has been renewed  
31 every session since then; and  
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1 WHEREAS, Act 373, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, codified as  
2 chapter 21G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to public access,  
3 established the legislative broadcast program; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature needs to establish policies  
6 governing House participation in the legislative broadcast  
7 program; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
11 Session of 2008, that the following policies govern the  
12 activities of the legislative broadcast program as it pertains  
13 to the House of Representatives:  
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15 (1) Project Responsibility: The content, selection, and  
16 editorial policies shall be administered by the  
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives or the  
18 Speaker's designee. 'Olelo Community Television shall  
19 provide technical and engineering support, programming  
20 time for cablecasts, broadcast production television  
21 equipment, and preventive maintenance, repair, and  
22 replacement as needed;  
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24 (2) Distribution: Cablecast programming coverage and  
25 distribution shall be provided by 'Olelo Community  
26 Television on O'ahu; by Akaku: Maui Community  
27 Television on Maui, Moloka'i, and Lana'i; by Ho'ike:  
28 Kaua'i Community Television on Kaua'i; and by Na Leo  
29 'O Hawai'i: Hawai'i Community Television on Hawai'i.  
30 All bona fide news organizations and educational  
31 institutions shall be authorized to utilize the  
32 programming material and shall bear costs associated  
33 with such programming. Political or commercial uses  
34 of the material are prohibited;  
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36 (3) Programming Content: Programming shall include live  
37 and tape-delayed cablecasts. All public committee  
38 hearings, legislative sessions, and other legislative  
39 proceedings shall be authorized for programming and  
40 selected by the Public Access Room Coordinator, based  
41 upon the criteria of public interest and



1 newsworthiness, as measured by column-inches in  
 2 statewide newspapers and minutes of television news  
 3 coverage. The Speaker of the House of Representatives  
 4 or the Speaker's designee may authorize special  
 5 programming in consultation with the House Majority  
 6 Leader and House Minority Leader. Programming  
 7 material shall not be used for political or commercial  
 8 purposes;

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 10 (4) Editing: Cablecasts of legislative proceedings shall  
 11 be covered gavel-to-gavel, and shall include coverage  
 12 of the Speaker recognized by the Chair or presiding  
 13 officer. Occasional shots of the entire committee or  
 14 assembled body shall be allowed; however, close-up  
 15 "reaction" shots shall not be permitted; and  
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17 (5) Ownership and Use of Programming: Tapes and  
 18 cablecasts shall be considered the property of the  
 19 House of Representatives and the Senate as  
 20 appropriate. Tapes and cablecasts shall not be  
 21 considered an official record of the meeting, and  
 22 there shall be no liability for inadvertent erasure or  
 23 omission. Tapes of proceedings shall be retained for  
 24 a period of time necessary for rebroadcasts on  
 25 neighbor island cable systems, and for use in program  
 26 evaluation and staff training. Duplication or further  
 27 distribution of tapes or cablecasts shall not be  
 28 permitted; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 31 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of  
 32 Representatives, the House Majority Leader, the House Minority  
 33 Leader, the Legislative Broadcast Program Coordinator, 'Olelo  
 34 Community Television, Akaku: Maui Community Television,  
 35 Ho'ike: Kaua'i Community Television, Na Leo 'O Hawai'i:  
 36 Hawai'i Community Television, and Oceanic Time Warner Cable.

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