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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING EACH STATE AGENCY THAT IS PLANNING ANY ACTION THAT  
WILL RESULT IN REDUCTIONS IN SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC TO  
CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE IMPACT THE REDUCED SERVICES WILL HAVE  
ON RURAL COMMUNITIES AND TO PROVIDE PREFERENCE TO ENSURING  
CONTINUED SERVICE TO THOSE RURAL COMMUNITIES.

1           WHEREAS, the state budget is divided into eleven different  
2 program areas and is administered by eighteen state departments  
3 that provide services to both urban and rural communities; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the dire economic circumstances of the State may  
6 force a reduction in services to the public; and  
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8           WHEREAS, certain reductions in services may have profound  
9 consequences on rural communities, especially if a reduction  
10 effectively terminates all services to rural communities; and  
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12           WHEREAS, an effective termination of services may occur if  
13 alternative or substitute means of service are not readily  
14 available to rural communities; now, therefore,  
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16           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
18 House of Representatives concurring, that each state agency that  
19 is planning any action that will result in a reduction of  
20 services to the public is requested to consider the possible  
21 impact the reduced services would have on rural communities and  
22 to provide preference for continuing to provide a reasonable  
23 level of service to those rural communities; and  
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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each state department that is  
26 planning a reduction of services presently provided to the  
27 public through any of its organic or administratively attached  
28 agencies is requested to submit a report to the Legislature with  
29 respect to: the affected rural communities identified by the



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1 state department, an analysis of the preference that will be  
2 provided to that community; and whether any alternative or  
3 substitute services are contemplated for the community; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each state department that is  
6 planning a reduction in services is requested to submit its  
7 report, including findings, recommendations, and any proposed  
8 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior  
9 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, who in  
13 turn is requested to distribute copies to each state department.  
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