HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF CELL TOWERS.

WHEREAS, cell towers have been growing in number in the State; and

WHEREAS, cell towers expand coverage for mobile phones and electronic devices for businesses and individuals; and

WHEREAS, in remote locations of the State, especially on the neighbor islands, wireless service coverage is intermittent, unreliable, and in some cases non-existent; and

WHEREAS, due to the State's mountainous terrain and volcanic topography, as well as the separation of the State by the Hawaiian islands, wireless mobile communication devices are more cost effective and efficient than traditional wired technology; and

WHEREAS, cell towers may transmit microwaves or other frequencies with varying wavelengths, which can be hazardous to humans if directed towards populous areas; and

WHEREAS, in some residential communities in the State, cell towers are unsightly and ruin ocean and mountain views for many residents; and

WHEREAS, while the installation of cell towers are necessary to increase the State's communication capabilities, residents have concerns over the location of towers in residential neighborhoods; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to provide information to the Legislature on cell towers in the State, including:

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(1) Any federal, state, or county laws, rules, and
regulations that apply to the location, construction,
and operation of cell towers; and

(2) The types of services provided by cell towers and the
area of service that the tower provides; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit its
findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than
twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of

OFFERED BY: 

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