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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO CREATE A MASTER  
PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS IN  
RESORT AREAS THROUGHOUT HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, universal access to broadband internet services  
2 has been touted as a vital economic engine for the nation, an  
3 essential vehicle for enhanced learning and medicine, and a  
4 critical element of the news and entertainment industries; and  
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6           WHEREAS, tourism is the number one economic driver for the  
7 State's economy; and  
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9           WHEREAS, state action is needed to support investment in,  
10 stimulate the adoption of, and remove potential barriers to the  
11 development and availability of world-class and universally  
12 accessible broadband networks in Hawaii; now, therefore,  
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14           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
15 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
16 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
17 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to  
18 establish a working group to create a master plan to provide  
19 universal high speed broadband access in resort areas throughout  
20 Hawaii; and  
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22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the working  
23 group is to:  
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- 25           (1) Develop specific strategies for the establishment of  
26 universal high speed broadband access throughout  
27 Waikiki and other resort areas throughout the State,  
28 including Kaanapali, Maui; Kohala, Hawaii; and  
29 Hanalei, Kauai; and  
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1 (2) Identify best practices to establish a database that  
2 identifies current and prospective projects for  
3 deploying broadband; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include:  
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- 7 (1) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
8 Tourism or the Director's designee;  
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- 10 (2) One representative from the Hawaii Tourism Authority;  
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- 12 (3) One representative from the Cable Television Division  
13 of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;  
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- 15 (4) One representative from the Department of Budget and  
16 Finance;  
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- 18 (5) One representative from each of the Mayor's offices of  
19 the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, and the City  
20 and County of Honolulu;  
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- 22 (6) One representative from a nonprofit organization that  
23 represents the interests of the Hawaii hotel industry  
24 to be selected by the Director of Business, Economic  
25 Development, and Tourism;  
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- 27 (7) Four representatives of county, state, and federal  
28 government entities that have a role in infrastructure  
29 deployment; management of public rights-of-way,  
30 regulation, and franchising; information technology;  
31 and economic development to be selected by the  
32 Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
33 Tourism; and  
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- 35 (8) Five representatives of Hawaii's private sector  
36 technology, telecommunications, and investment  
37 industries, including the incumbent local exchange  
38 carrier to be selected by the Director of Business,  
39 Economic Development, and Tourism; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,  
42 Economic Development, and Tourism, or the Director's designee,



1 is requested to serve as the chairperson of the working group;  
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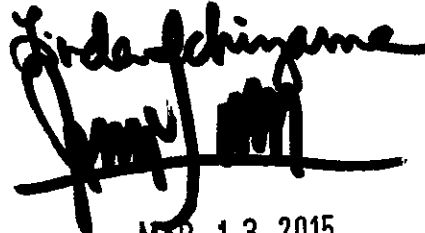
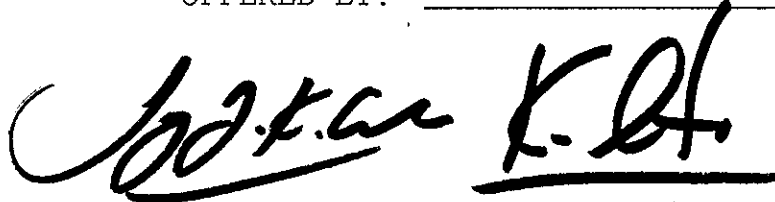
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that working group members serve  
5 without compensation but be reimbursed for all necessary  
6 expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the performance  
7 of their duties as working group members; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group provide a  
10 written report of its findings and recommendations, including  
11 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
12 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2016;  
13 and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group dissolve on  
16 June 30, 2016; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
20 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Board of  
21 Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Director of Commerce  
22 and Consumer Affairs, Director of Finance, and the Mayors of the  
23 Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai and the City and County of  
24 Honolulu.  
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