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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO TELEWISE OR MAKE AVAILABLE
ONLINE ITS MEETINGS.

1 WHEREAS, television and online publications play an
2 important role in keeping the public informed of daily events in
3 the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, 'Olelo Community Media has televised selected
6 proceedings of the Legislature and Honolulu City Council,
7 thereby keeping the general public informed of the major issues
8 that affect their daily lives and the decisions made by their
9 elected officials; and
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11 WHEREAS, it is important that government agencies televise
12 meetings to keep the community informed of major issues that
13 affect them; and
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15 WHEREAS, members of the public are not always able to
16 attend the open meetings of the Board of Education; and
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18 WHEREAS, meeting minutes can only provide a general
19 accounting of issues discussed at these meetings, while
20 televised meetings allow the public to view the actual
21 proceedings and gain a greater context of the discussions; and
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23 WHEREAS, a well-informed public that is able to actively
24 participate in government by voicing concern and lending
25 expertise would result in more well-informed policy and decision
26 making; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Open Government Plan set forth by the Governor
29 seeks to increase community involvement in government affairs
30 affecting the community, and to make government agency meetings
31 more accessible to the public by video teleconferencing issues
32 of interest to the public; and
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1 WHEREAS, the public is often uninformed and uninvolved in
 2 important matters discussed by the Board of Education because
 3 its meetings are not televised or otherwise made available
 4 online; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
 7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
 8 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education
 9 is requested to televise or make available online its meetings;
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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 14 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.
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