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

WHEREAS, television and online publications play an
important role in keeping the public informed of daily events in
the State; and

WHEREAS, ‘Olelo Community Media has televised selected
proceedings of the Legislature and Honolulu City Council,
thereby keeping the general public informed of the major issues
that affect their daily lives and the decisions made by their
elected officials; and

WHEREAS, it is important that government agencies televise
meetings to keep the community informed of major issues that
affect them; and

WHEREAS, members of the public are not always able to
attend the open meetings of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, meeting minutes can only provide a general
accounting of issues discussed at these meetings, while
televised meetings allow the public to view the actual
proceedings and gain a greater context of the discussions; and

WHEREAS, a well-informed public that is able to actively
participate in government by voicing concern and lending
expertise would result in more well-informed policy and decision
making; and

WHEREAS, the Open Government Plan set forth by the Governor
seeks to increase community involvement in government affairs
affecting the community, and to make government agency meetings
more accessible to the public by video teleconferencing issues
of interest to the public; and

WHEREAS, the public is often uninformed and uninvolved in
important matters discussed by the Board of Education because
its meetings are not televised or otherwise made available online; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, that the Board of Education is requested to televise or make available online its meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

OFFERED BY:

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