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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO TELEVISION 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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34           WHEREAS, the public is often uninformed and uninvolved in  
35 important matters discussed by the Board of Education because



1 its meetings are not televised or otherwise made available  
2 online; now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,  
6 that the Board of Education is requested to televise or make  
7 available online its meetings; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
11 Education and Superintendent of Education.  
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