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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD, IN  
COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY  
SERVICES, TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP ON ACCESSIBLE  
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS.

1           WHEREAS, an accessible document is a document created to be  
2 as easily readable by a sighted reader as a low-vision or non-  
3 sighted reader; and  
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5           WHEREAS, accessible documents allow individuals who use  
6 screen readers to navigate through the document, utilize the  
7 properties to move from one part of a document to another, hear  
8 descriptions of photographs and images from image tags, and have  
9 equal access to the information; and  
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11           WHEREAS, public agencies that are required to provide  
12 accessible documents do not always have staff that understand  
13 how to make the information accessible; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the increasing use of technology to communicate  
16 can also present complications and challenges, such as the  
17 various state agency websites that post public meeting notices,  
18 agendas, and attached resource documents that may not  
19 necessarily all be in accessible formats, especially when  
20 attachments are scanned copies; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the State's Disability and Communication Access  
23 Board serves as the public advocate of persons with disabilities  
24 by providing advice and recommendations on matters relating to  
25 access, with an emphasis on state and county legislative matters  
26 and administrative rules, policies, and procedures, and also  
27 provides technical assistance and guidance to state and county  
28 entities to meet state, federal, and county requirements for  
29 access for persons with disabilities; and  
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# S.C.R. NO. 7

1 WHEREAS, the State's Office of Enterprise Technology  
2 Services, headed by the Chief Information Officer, is charged  
3 with organizing, managing, and overseeing statewide information  
4 technology governance, including establishing, coordinating, and  
5 managing a program to provide a means for public access to  
6 public information and developing and operating an information  
7 network; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the  
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Disability and  
12 Communication Access Board, in collaboration with the Office on  
13 Enterprise Technology Services, is requested to convene a  
14 working group on accessible government documents; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
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19 (1) Research other states' laws and use of technologies to  
20 provide government documents, including documents  
21 provided by private entities under contract with the  
22 State, in accessible formats;  
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24 (2) Evaluate and recommend strategies to improve the  
25 provisions of government documents, including  
26 documents provided by private entities under contract  
27 with the State, in accessible formats, including  
28 identifying means for effective and efficient  
29 oversight; and  
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31 (3) Make recommendations to the Legislature about how to  
32 further the policy of providing accessible government  
33 documents; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a representative of the  
36 Disability and Communication Access Board and representative of  
37 the Office of Enterprise Technology Services are requested to  
38 serve as co-chairs of the working group and invite one  
39 representative from each of the following entities to serve as  
40 working group members:  
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- 1 (1) The Center on Disability Studies at the University of  
2 Hawai'i at Manoa;
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- 4 (2) The Office of the Lieutenant Governor;
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- 6 (3) The Department of Accounting and General Services;
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- 8 (4) The Information Technology and Systems Department at  
9 the Judiciary;
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- 11 (5) The Department of the Attorney General;
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- 13 (6) The Office of the Chief Clerk of the House of  
14 Representatives;
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- 16 (7) The Office of the Chief Clerk of the Senate;
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- 18 (8) The Office of Information Practices;
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- 20 (9) The Civil Rights Commission;
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- 22 (10) The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the  
23 Department of Human Services;
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- 25 (11) An advocacy group for blind persons;
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- 27 (12) An advocacy group for deaf persons; and
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- 29 (13) Other interested individuals; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Disability and  
32 Communication Access Board is requested to submit a report on  
33 behalf of the working group of its findings and recommendations,  
34 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
35 than forty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
36 2022; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the working  
39 group serve without compensation; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor,



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1 Attorney General, Comptroller, Chairperson of the Disability and  
2 Communication Access Board, Chief Information Officer,  
3 Administrative Director of the Courts, Chief Clerk of the  
4 Senate, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, Director of  
5 the Center on Disability Studies, Director of the Office of  
6 Information Practices, Executive Director of the Civil Rights  
7 Commission, President of the National Federation for the Blind -  
8 Hawaii Chapter, Administrator of the Division of Vocational  
9 Rehabilitation, and President of the Aloha State Association of  
10 the Deaf.

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