
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BROADBAND ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO CREATE A MASTER PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS IN RESORT AREAS AND OTHER AREAS OF IMPORTANCE THROUGHOUT HAWAII, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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 Broadband
17 Assistance Advisory Council create a master plan to provide
18 universal high speed broadband access in resort areas and other
19 areas of importance throughout Hawaii including, but not limited
20 to Honolulu International Airport and Hawaii public schools; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of Broadband
23 Assistance Advisory Council is to:
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- 25 (1) Develop specific strategies for the establishment of
26 universal high speed broadband access throughout
27 Waikiki, resort areas, and other areas of importance
28 throughout the State, including but not limited to
29 Kaanapali, Maui; Kohala, Hawaii; and Hanalei, Kauai;



1 Honolulu International Airport; Hawaii Public Schools
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- 4 (2) Identify best practices to establish a database that
- 5 identifies current and prospective projects for
- 6 deploying broadband; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Broadband Assistance
9 Advisory Council include within their working groups:

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- 11 (1) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
- 12 Tourism or the Director's designee;
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- 14 (2) One representative from the Hawaii Tourism Authority;
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- 16 (3) One representative from the Department of Budget and
- 17 Finance;
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- 19 (4) One representative from each of the Mayor's offices of
- 20 the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, and the City
- 21 and County of Honolulu;
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- 23 (5) One representative from a nonprofit organization that
- 24 represents the interests of the Hawaii hotel industry;
- 25 and
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- 27 (6) One representative from Hawaiian Electric Company; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that working group members serve
30 without compensation but be reimbursed for all necessary
31 expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the performance
32 of their duties as working group members; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group provide a
35 written report of its findings and recommendations, including
36 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
37 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2016;
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
42 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Board of
43 Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Director of Commerce
44 and Consumer Affairs, Director of Finance, and the Mayors of the



1 Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai and the City and County of
2 Honolulu.
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