
HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REQUIRE
THAT ALL BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL READING BE LISTED
ON THE ORDER OF THE DAY AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN
ADVANCE OF FINAL READING.

1 WHEREAS, an informed electorate is key to citizen
2 participation in a successful democracy; and
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4 WHEREAS, informed elected representatives are necessary for
5 the operation of a successful democratic government; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Constitution sets forth numerous
8 procedural requirements regarding the introduction, reading, and
9 adoption of bills that are intended to keep both citizens and
10 their elected representatives informed so that they may
11 participate effectively in legislative proceedings; and
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13 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives likewise has adopted
14 rules of procedure that are intended to provide members with
15 notice of the content of bills before action is taken; and
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17 WHEREAS, House Rule 36.1 provides, in pertinent part, that
18 "[n]o bill shall pass third or final reading in the House unless
19 printed copies of the bill in the form to be passed have been
20 made available to members of the House for at least forty-eight
21 hours"; and
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23 WHEREAS, there is no requirement that a bill be listed on
24 the Order of the Day for Final Reading when it is in the same
25 form as passed on Third Reading; and
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27 WHEREAS, bills have been placed before House members for
28 Final Reading, even though not having been placed on the Order
29 of the Day, by means of a motion to reconsider prior
30 disagreement to amendments made by the Senate to House bills;
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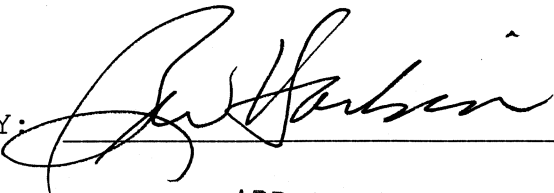


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 2 WHEREAS, although bills placed before members for Final
 3 Reading by means of reconsideration of prior disagreement to
 4 Senate amendments to House bills may have been available in the
 5 form to be passed for more than the forty-eight hours as
 6 required by House Rule 36.1, presentation of bills in this
 7 manner deprives members of the opportunity to prepare for
 8 meaningful discussion and debate prior to voting on the bills;
 9 now, therefore,

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 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 12 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 13 of 2006, that House Rule 36 is hereby amended by adding a new
 14 subparagraph to House Rule 36 to read as follows (proposed
 15 changes underlined):

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 17 "36.4 No bill shall pass final reading in the
 18 House unless it has been placed on the order
 19 of the day distributed to members at least
 20 twenty-four hours prior to final reading.
 21 Passage on final reading following a motion
 22 to reconsider prior disagreement to Senate
 23 amendments to House bills shall be void if
 24 not done in compliance with this rule."; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 27 Resolution be transmitted to all members of the House of
 28 Representatives.
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OFFERED BY: 
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