
HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REQUIRE
THAT ALL PROPOSED DRAFTS OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS BE
PROVIDED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO MEMBERS IN BOTH PAPER AND
ELECTRONIC FORM.

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 11.5(1) requires that notice of
18 standing committee meetings be given forty-eight hours in
19 advance of the meeting, except upon good cause shown to the
20 Speaker; and

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22 WHEREAS, House Rule 11.6(2) requires a majority of
23 committee members present to vote in favor of a measure for it
24 to be reported out of committee; and

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26 WHEREAS, committee chairs sometimes prepare and distribute
27 proposed drafts of bills prior to the committee hearing or prior
28 to decision making on a bill heard by the committee; and

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30 WHEREAS, House rules do not, however, require that a
31 proposed draft to be heard or voted upon be distributed either



1 in paper or electronic form, or both, prior to the meeting; now,
2 therefore,

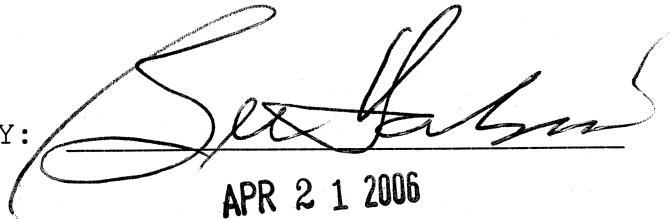
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2006, that House Rule 11 is hereby amended by adding a new
7 paragraph to read as follows (proposed changes underlined):

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9 "11.61 Distribution of Proposed Drafts.

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11 Whenever the chair of a standing committee
12 distributes copies of a proposed draft of a
13 measure to members prior to a meeting,
14 whether for hearing or decision making, or
15 both, the chair shall distribute
16 simultaneously both a paper and an
17 electronic copy of the proposed draft."; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to all members of the House of
21 Representatives.
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