
HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REQUIRE
THAT THE ORDER OF THE DAY BE POSTED IN BOTH PAPER AND
ELECTRONIC FORM AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN ADVANCE.

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 and the
15 public with notice of the content of bills before action is
16 taken; and
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18 WHEREAS, House Rule 11.5(1) provides that not less than
19 forty-eight hours notice may be given of a committee meeting,
20 except upon good cause shown to the Speaker, and Rule 36.1
21 provides that no bill may pass Third Reading unless it has been
22 available to members for at least forty-eight hours prior to
23 Third Reading; and
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25 WHEREAS, House rules do not currently require that the
26 Order of the Day be posted at any time in advance of session;
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29 WHEREAS, neither House members nor the public may
30 adequately prepare for session without knowing in advance what
31 business will be transacted; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2006, that House Rule 29 is hereby amended by adding a new
4 paragraph to read as follows (proposed changes underlined):

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6 "29.4 The Order of the Day shall be posted in
7 paper and electronic form not later than
8 twenty-four hours in advance of the session
9 to which it pertains."; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to all members of the House of
13 Representatives.

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