

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2404
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2404 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote effective communication and coordination within government by allowing two or more members, but less than a quorum, of a board to:

- (1) Discuss individual positions relating to official board business at a meeting of another board or a public hearing of the Legislature; and
- (2) Attend and participate in discussions at presentations, including seminars, conventions, and community meetings, that involve matters relating to official board business,

when certain requirements are met.

The Office of Information Practices and Department of the Corporation Counsel of the City and County of Honolulu testified in support of this bill. The Society of Professional Journalists, Hawaii Chapter, opposed this measure. The League of Women Voters of Hawaii offered comments.



Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2404, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2404, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



