

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2606

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2710  
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 2710, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to facilitate public meetings of a board or commission by expanding the current authority to meet by videoconference, to meet by interactive conference technology, which includes any form of audio or visual conference technology.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from three state departments, two state agencies, two private entities, and one individual. Comments were received from one state agency. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure would facilitate the attendance by board members at board meetings. This is particularly critical for boards and commissions with representatives from neighbor islands, as the costs of travel related expenses, which are generally reimbursed to the members, have increased dramatically in recent years. In addition, the current staffing and operational cuts in state agency budgets have further limited travel and other costs for board and commission members and staff who support these activities.

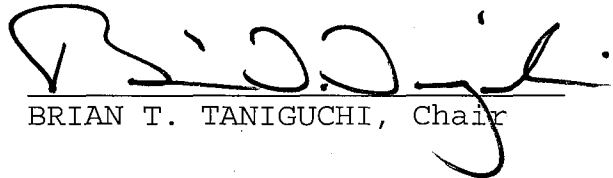


Your Committee notes the concerns expressed by the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation that board meetings should be allowed to continue if the audio communication was voluntarily terminated and a quorum for the meeting is still preserved.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050 to continue the discussions on this matter. Your Committee has also amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2710, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2710, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Government Operations,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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SB 2710, SDI	EDT, JGO	2/23/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)				✓
BUNDA, Robert				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	-	-	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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