

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 8, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 549
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 549, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide for greater efficiencies and public access in government under Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Public Agency Meetings and Records Law, by:

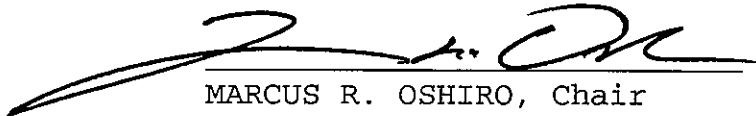
- (1) Eliminating the requirement that notices be filed in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office;
- (2) Requiring state and county boards to file notices of meetings, including emergency meetings, by electronic posting on the state calendar on the central state website (for state boards) or the respective county calendar on the county website (for county boards); and
- (3) Providing that if there is interruption in service in accessing the state or county calendars, then the notices shall be filed in the Office of Information Practices or the appropriate county clerk's office, until service is restored.



The Office of Information Practices; Natalie J. Iwasa, CPA, Inc.; and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The City and County of Honolulu Office of the City Clerk submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 549, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



