

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1611

H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1611, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of state and county boards, while encouraging transparency by:

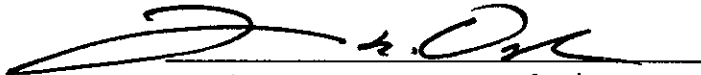
- (1) Allowing board members to attend:
 - (A) Public gathering and community events that do not relate to matters over which the board is currently exercising its adjudicatory, advisory, or legislative function; provided that the board members meet the statutory requirements for permitted interactions at the public gathering or community event; and
 - (B) Professional-association conferences and professional-development seminars; provided that the board members meet the statutory requirements for permitted interactions and file a report; and
- (2) Allowing a public notice of a board meeting to be sent out by e-mail to those persons who request notification of meetings.



The Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu and five members of the Maui County Council supported the measure. The Office of Information Practices opposed the measure. The Planning Department of the County of Hawaii offered comments on the measure.

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. 1611, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



