

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2475
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2475 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage participation in state and county board meetings statewide by allowing interactive conference technology to be used at meetings of state and county boards.

The Department of the Attorney General; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Office of Information Management and Technology; Office of Information Practices; The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; BIA-HAWAII; and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation and High Technology Development Corporation testified in support with amendments to this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 7, 2059, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 2475, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2475, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



