

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2737
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 2737, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the State's Sunshine Law to allow board and commission meetings to be conducted by any form of interactive conference technology that permits interaction by audio, or audio and visual means, provided that:

- (1) All members of the board and the public are able to interact with each other at least by audio communications;
- (2) The public is given notice of all the public locations at which board members will be participating in the meeting and that the public may participate in the meeting at those locations; and
- (3) An agenda item shall not be considered if any meeting location is connected by audio-only technology and copies of visual aids brought or required to consider that item are not available at all meeting locations within 15 minutes after audio-only technology is used.



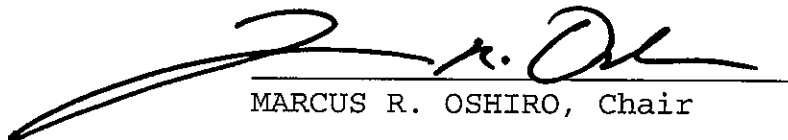
The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; and High Technology Development Corporation testified in support of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General and Office of Information Practices provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 2737, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2737, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



