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TESTIMONY OF
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

Friday, February 24, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

S.B. 2233, S.D. 1

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2233, S.D. 1.

The Office of Information Management and Technology supports and recommends passage of S.B.2233, S.D. 1, which requires government agencies to post public notices electronically.

The current statute only requires notices to be published only in daily or weekly publications. As electronic posting of information has become an accepted and expected way to conduct business, the state should publish public notices online as well to expand its ability to reach constituents.

This proposed bill aligns with the chief information officer's strategic IT vision to leverage new technologies to increase government transparency and enhance citizen engagement and participation, while providing increased cost efficiencies for state government.

At this time, we would like to recommend revising SECTION 3 of the proposed bill to clarify that the centralized website will include, but not be limited to, the following features: "single data entry point with multiple distribution points; goal of 99.9 percent availability; reporting and basic analytic capabilities; integration with the state calendar; geographic information systems (GIS) integration capabilities; compliance with state policies, practices and statutes relating to posting requirements; compliance with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) federal requirements; search retrieval and electronic archive capabilities; compliance with privacy laws and regulations; electronic discovery capabilities; compliance with federal and state records management policies and statutes; and appropriate information assurance and information security; ability to accommodate really simple syndication (RSS) feeds; and subscriber opt-in options."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Friday, February 24, 2012, 9:00am
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by

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The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 2233, S.D.1, Relating To Electronic Information.

Purpose: Authorizes government agencies to disseminate publications of notice electronically, or in a daily or weekly publication of statewide circulation, or in a daily or weekly publication in the affected county, as appropriate; appropriates funds for the operational expenses of the office of information management technology; appropriates funds for the Hawaii public library system for public access support services; electronic notice requirement effective 7/1/2013. (SD1)

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the intent of this bill, with comments, and with concerns for Hawaii residents who may not have easy access to the Internet.

The Judiciary recognizes the additional costs, but believes that there is still a segment of our community who would be served better through print media. It is therefore requested that notices be published on-line and in print media rather than "or in a daily or weekly publication".

Since cost is an issue, it is recommended that the Hawaii.Gov web page is designated as the "centralized website of the State of Hawaii" "For statewide publication". The Hawaii.Gov web



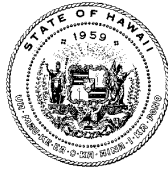
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page is managed by the State's portal manager, Hawaii Information Consortium, through a self-funded contract. Like the State calendar, the centralized publication website could be created and managed at no additional cost to the State. The Access Hawaii Committee is responsible for managing the State's portal manager and could be responsible for setting up the "centralized web site". The Access Hawaii Committee is a cross jurisdictional committee empowered under [HRS 27G](#) and could also potentially aggregate public notices from the counties to create a single centralized website for the entire State.

Finally, it is recommended that the centralized website, include email notification services to alert subscribers to the addition of new publications.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2233, S.D. 1.

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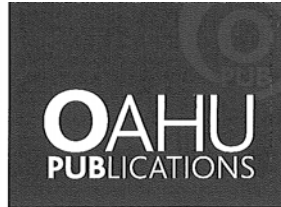
SB 2233, SD1 – Relating to Electronic Information

The Hawaii State Public Library System supports SB 2233, SD 1 with one suggested amendment.

The last sentence of Section 4 states “The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of education for the purposes of this Act.”

These funds need to be appropriated to and expended by the Hawaii State Public Library System.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.



TO: Senator David Ige, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Ron Nagasawa, Publisher & Senior Vice President
MidWeek

RE: **TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 2233 SD1 - Relating to Electronic Information**

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

As the publisher of MidWeek newspaper and as vice president of the Hawaii Publisher's Association (HPA), I respectfully oppose SB 2233 SD1. I have been with MidWeek since its inception 28 years ago in 1984. I have also been involved in the public/legal notices processes in that time, beginning from when MidWeek was awarded the contract to provide such notices for the state of Hawaii.

I was involved 12 years ago when it was determined that MidWeek did not have the frequency needed to provide adequate notice in spite of having the highest circulation in the state and with a supplemental notice we provided to the neighbor islands. We were asked to set aside the contract and subsequently the Honolulu Star-Bulletin was awarded the contract under the RFP process.

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And I was also here when the Star-Bulletin could no longer be sustained and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser came into being, providing a much greater circulation and readership for Oahu and therefore reach for these notices.

In these 28 years I can attest that the state has always done what was best to achieve the purpose of these notices, which was to reach and inform the most people possible in the state of Hawaii. It was always to do what was best for all our people and not what was best for the interest of state government. The intent of this bill before us seems to be eliminating the expense to the state of placing these notices in newspapers.

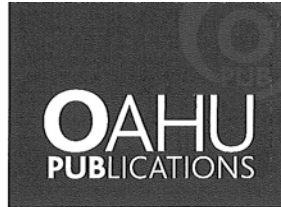
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My research found that Alaska still places notices in the newspapers in spite of that legislation and that in Utah the legislation was literally reversed to include newspapers as the primary source of posting with an aggregate web site containing free postings as added value.

The Utah situation was an example where government and the private sector worked together to provide services in the best interest of the public. At its best, this is what government is supposed to do, and not further its own agenda.

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