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THE SENATE  
 THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
 REGULAR SESSION OF 2013

COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS  
 Hearing February 7, 2013  
 Time 1:10 PM  
 Conference Room 414  
 Testimony on S.B. 863

(RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS)

Chair Wai'ale, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee,

My name is Ann Ito. I am an individual with disabilities and I am testifying in strong support of S.B. 863.

This bill would require any organization holding a meeting that is subject to Chapter 92, the "Sunshine Law" to include information about how to request an accommodation for disabilities on the meeting agenda. In addition, it requires that any agenda or other information that is posted electronically be accessible to persons with print disabilities.

This bill would allow me as a blind person (who is also hard of hearing) to know about public meetings and agendas (as notices would be accessible to a screen reader that I must use to access printed information).

It would give me the respectful opportunity to request accommodations that would allow me to fully participate in and benefit from the meeting proceedings (e.g., preferred printing, printed material in alternate format, assistive listening devices, etc.)

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Ann Ito