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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding two new sections to part I to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§11- Elections commission; public meetings. Every  
5 meeting of the elections commission shall be subject to section  
6 92-3. If an agenda item relates to a specific location in the  
7 State, the elections commission shall hold a public meeting to  
8 discuss that agenda item in that location. After the conclusion  
9 of the elections commission's meeting agenda, but prior to the  
10 elections commission voting on any agenda item, the elections  
11 commission shall provide for public comment on any agenda item;  
12 provided that the elections commission may vote on the adoption  
13 of its minutes and other ministerial matters prior to public  
14 comment.

15           §11- Elections commission; record of complaints and  
16 investigations; annual report. (a) The elections commission  
17 shall maintain a record of the number of complaints filed with



1 the elections commission, the number of investigations conducted  
2 as a result of any filed complaints, and the disposition of all  
3 complaints and investigations. The record shall be a public  
4 document that is available for public inspection.

5 (b) The elections commission shall submit a written annual  
6 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
7 convening of each regular legislative session. The annual  
8 report shall include:

- 9 (1) The activities of the elections commission;
- 10 (2) The number of complaints filed with the elections  
11 commission, the number of investigations conducted as  
12 a result of any filed complaints, and the disposition  
13 of all complaints and investigations; and
- 14 (3) Status, progress, or accomplishments of any  
15 initiatives of the elections commission."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 1015

**Report Title:**

Elections Commission; Public Meetings; Agenda; Public Comment;  
Record of Complaints and Investigations

**Description:**

Requires the elections commission to hold a public meeting in a specific location if the agenda item relates to that location in the State; provide for public comment after the conclusion of the elections commission's meeting agenda, but prior to voting on any agenda item, except for voting on ministerial matters; and maintain records of complaints and investigations and to submit an annual report to the legislature prior to the convening of each regular session.

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