

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 150
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 150 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUNSHINE LAW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to create an exemption to the sunshine law to allow board members to disseminate government records to other board members for informational purposes.

The Council Chair of the Maui County Council, a member of the Maui County Council, and an individual testified in support of this measure. The Office of Information Practices, a member of the Maui County Council, and Civil Beat Law Center for Public Interest provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting new language authorizing board members present by interactive conference technology to waive the termination of a meeting because of audio communication problems, except when such members are needed for quorum or when a vote is taken at the meeting;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 150, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 150, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



