
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the sunshine law
2 protects the public's interest by requiring state and county
3 boards to conduct their business in meetings open to the public.
4 Open meetings allow for public participation and scrutiny and
5 ensure that the formation and approval of public policy is
6 completed as transparently as possible. However, a limited
7 exemption from the sunshine law is necessary to permit a
8 majority of board members to discuss internal organizational
9 decisions such as when a council, commission, or board is
10 reorganizing after an election or other infusion of new members.
11 The legislature further finds that the integrity of the current
12 sunshine law will remain intact as a public discussion and
13 public vote will still be required on public policy matters over
14 which the board has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or
15 advisory power.



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1 The purpose of this Act is to remove the limit on the
 2 number of board members that are allowed to hold private
 3 discussions on the selection of the board's officers.

4 SECTION 2. Section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 5 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

6 "(c) Discussions between two or more members of a board[
 7 ~~but less than the number of members which would constitute a~~
 8 ~~quorum for the board,~~] concerning the selection of the board's
 9 officers may be conducted in private without limitation or
 10 subsequent reporting."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 12 and stricken.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Public Agency and Meetings; Permitted Interactions of Members

Description:

Removes the limit on the number of board members allowed to have private discussions regarding the selection of the board's officers.

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