

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1277

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 1277 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow minutes at public agency meetings to be kept by written or recorded means.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Liquor Commission. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Civil Beat Law Center for Public Interest and Life of the Land.

Your Committee finds that current law requires boards and commissions to keep written minutes of all meetings. Allowing boards and commissions the flexibility to make their minutes available through analog or digital means may reduce some expense for boards and commissions to comply with the law for public agency meetings. In addition, your Committee finds that allowing minutes to be kept by analog or digital means will enhance the public's ability to access board minutes, and notes that the minutes must still be available within the current thirty-day requirement.

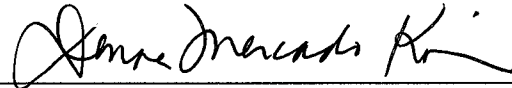
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting a provision that if minutes are kept by analog or digital means, a written summary of the recording shall accompany the recording; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1277, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1277, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Government Operations
GVO

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 1277</i>	Committee Referral: <i>GVO, JDL</i>	Date: <i>2/2/17</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
TOTAL	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes