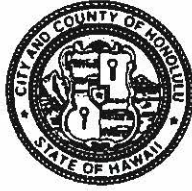


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January 31, 2017

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Government Operations

Hearing: Thursday, February 2, 2017
2:45 PM; Room 414

Position: Strongly Support SB 1277, Relating to Public Agency Meetings

Dear Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members:

The Liquor Commission, City and County of Honolulu (Commission), appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 1277, Relating to Public Agency Meetings.

The proposed measure will amend HRS Section 92-9(a) to permit an agency, board, commission, authority, or committee which is required to conduct meetings and to take official action to keep minutes of its meetings in analog or digital recorded format. This ability to use analog or digital recordings for the Commission's weekly hearing minutes will benefit the Commission and the public in several ways:

- Increase efficiency by reducing the personnel hours required to produce and maintain a hearings record in compliance with HRS Chapter 92.
- Improve the accuracy of the hearings record because the Commission's digital recording will capture both audio and visual components of the hearing.
- Enhance public accessibility to the hearings record through faster turnaround of the hearings record to any requestor.

The Liquor Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 1277, Relating to Public Agency Meetings, and urges its passage.

Respectfully submitted,


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Senate Committee on Government Operations
Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
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RE: Testimony Commenting on S.B. 1277, Relating to Public Agency Meetings
Hearing: February 2, 2017 at 2:45 p.m.

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Brian Black. I am the Executive Director of the Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, a nonprofit organization whose primary mission concerns solutions that promote government transparency. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 153. The Law Center **supports the intent of this bill, but wants to confirm that the bill will not delay access to recordings of Sunshine meetings.**

OIP requires that boards and commissions must disclose recordings of meetings *in less than 30 days*. *E.g.*, OIP Op. 02-06 at 9-10; OIP Op. No. 97-06 at 2-4; OIP Op. No. 92-13. The deadline for disclosure of such records would be a reasonable time not to exceed 10 business days. HAR § 2-71-13(a). The Sunshine Law, however, provides that Sunshine boards have 30 days to provide public access to “minutes”. HRS § 92-9(b). *The Law Center would ask that the Committee clarify in its report that classifying a recording as “minutes” does not change the deadline for disclosure of such records.*

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.



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Thursday, February 2, 2017, 2:45 PM, Conference Room 414
SB 1277, RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS

TESTIMONY

Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Kim and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii opposes SB 1277 because this bill would allow the minutes of public agency meetings to be recorded rather than written.

This bill would discourage the public from using minutes to monitor what happens at board meetings. It currently is quick and easy to read summary written minutes and determine what action was taken and how board members voted on various agenda items. It would be slow and complicated to have to listen to an audio recording of a prolonged board meeting to determine what action was taken and how board members voted on agenda items.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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