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To: The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
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Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018
Time: 2:00 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: S.B. 2691, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Relating to Board Meetings

The Department of Taxation (Department) supports S.B. 2691, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and offers the following comments for your consideration.

S.B. 2691, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, allows state boards to provide a copy of their meeting notices with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office via electronic mail to an electronic mail address designated by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office. The bill has a defective effective date of January 1, 2050.

The Department notes that it provides administrative support to the Council on Revenues (COR), Tax Review Commission (TRC), and Board of Taxation Review. The electronic filing of meeting notices will promote efficiency.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

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To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: March 29, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
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Re: Testimony on S.B. No. 2691, S.D. 1, H.D. 1
Relating to Board Meetings

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which would allow boards to provide meeting notices via an electronic mail address designated by the Lieutenant Governor or a County Clerk. The Office of Information Practices (“OIP”) takes **no position** on this bill, which would not substantively change the law as OIP understands it.

OIP has previously opined (in OIP Opinion Letter Number 06-06) that a meeting notice may be filed in whatever manner is set by the Lieutenant Governor’s office or a County Clerk’s office. OIP therefore would interpret the language of the new section 92-7 (effective July 1, 2018) as **allowing** a board to provide its notice to one of those offices by e-mail, so long as the office in question has designated an e-mail address as an acceptable way to provide a notice. **This measure would not require those offices to designate an e-mail address to accept notices, but would only allow a board to provide them via an e-mail address designated by the relevant office. Thus, OIP does not see this measure as changing the law**, since it still leaves it up to each County Clerk or the Lieutenant Governor whether to designate an e-mail address for accepting notices. **OIP has no objection** to this bill, which would clarify this point.



Written Statement of
Robbie Melton
Executive Director & CEO
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before the
House Committee on Judiciary
Thursday, March 29, 2018
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of
SB2691, SD1, HD1
RELATING TO BOARD MEETINGS

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary.

The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** SB2691, SD1, HD1 that allows boards to file a copy of the notice of public meetings with the office of the lieutenant governor or appropriate county clerk's office via electronic mail.

HTDC appreciates and supports efforts to make government more efficient through the use of technology.

We respectfully request correction of the defective effective date. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.