

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 335
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 335, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure equal access to notice of public meetings by requiring:

- (1) Public meeting notices to include instructions on how to request an auxiliary aid or service or accommodation due to a disability;
- (2) Boards to post a notice in the board's office and to retain a copy of proof of filing the notice with the Lieutenant Governor's office or county clerk's office;
- (3) The Lieutenant Governor's office or the county clerk's office to timely post paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices in a central location in a public building; and
- (4) An emergency meeting agenda to be filed with the Lieutenant Governor's office or the county clerk's office and posted in the board's office.



Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Oahu County Affirmative Action Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and an individual testified in support of this measure. The Office of Information Practices and Disability and Communication Access Board provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring boards to post the public meeting notices in an accessible format on an electronic calendar on a website maintained by the State or county;
- (2) Specifying that the electronic copies of all meeting notices posted by the Lieutenant Governor's office or the county clerk's office be accessible;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 335, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 335, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



