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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide  
2 government agencies the option to publish notice via a posting  
3 on their official website, in lieu of or in addition to  
4 publication in a daily or weekly publication, such as a printed  
5 newspaper. Electronic posting is more expedient and cost-  
6 effective, particularly for routine but time-sensitive  
7 situations, such as postings of clean water environmental hazard  
8 advisories as well as more urgent conditions, such as  
9 disaster-related response and recovery activities.

10           The legislature affirms that under general rules of  
11 statutory construction, where two statutes conflict, the more  
12 specific statute is followed. This Act is not intended to  
13 supersede procedures that assure transparency in public  
14 administration such as chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and  
15 chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

16           SECTION 2. Section 1-28.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1           "(a) Notwithstanding any other statute, law, charter  
2 provision, ordinance, or rule to the contrary, whenever a  
3 government agency is required to give public notice or to  
4 publish notice, the notice shall be given only as follows:

5           (1) For statewide publication:

6                 (A) In a daily or weekly publication of statewide  
7                         circulation; or

8                 (B) By publication in separate daily or weekly  
9                         publications whose combined circulation is  
10                         statewide; [~~and~~]

11           (2) For county-wide publication, by publication in a daily  
12                         or weekly publication in the affected county~~[--]~~; or

13           (3) For either statewide or county publication, as  
14                         applicable, by posting on an electronic calendar on an  
15                         official website for legal notices maintained by the  
16                         State or the appropriate county.

17 ~~[Additional supplemental notice may also be given through Hawaii~~  
18 ~~FYI, the State's interactive computer system.] "~~

19           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**  
Public Notices

**Description:**  
Allows government agencies to publish public notice on their official website as an alternative to the newspaper. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)

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