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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 92F-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**"§92F-42 Powers and duties of the office of information practices.** The director of the office of information practices:

(1) Shall, upon request, review and either rule or provide guidance on an agency denial of access to information or records, or an agency's granting of access; provided that any review by the office of information practices shall not be a contested case under chapter 91 and shall be optional and without prejudice to rights of judicial enforcement available under this chapter;

(2) Upon request by an agency, shall provide and make public advisory guidelines, opinions, or other information concerning that agency's functions and responsibilities;



- 1 (3) Upon request by any person, may provide advisory  
2 opinions or other information regarding that person's  
3 rights and the functions and responsibilities of  
4 agencies under this chapter;
- 5 (4) May conduct inquiries regarding compliance by an  
6 agency and investigate possible violations by any  
7 agency;
- 8 (5) May examine the records of any agency for the purpose  
9 of paragraphs (4) and (18) and seek to enforce that  
10 power in the courts of this State;
- 11 (6) May recommend disciplinary action to appropriate  
12 officers of an agency;
- 13 (7) Shall report annually to the governor and the state  
14 legislature on the activities and findings of the  
15 office of information practices, including  
16 recommendations for legislative changes;
- 17 (8) Shall receive complaints from and actively solicit the  
18 comments of the public regarding the implementation of  
19 this chapter;
- 20 (9) Shall review the official acts, records, policies, and  
21 procedures of each agency;



- 1       (10) Shall assist agencies in complying with the provisions  
2           of this chapter;
- 3       (11) Shall inform the public of the following rights of an  
4           individual and the procedures for exercising them:
- 5           (A) The right of access to records pertaining to the  
6               individual;
- 7           (B) The right to obtain a copy of records pertaining  
8               to the individual;
- 9           (C) The right to know the purposes for which records  
10               pertaining to the individual are kept;
- 11          (D) The right to be informed of the uses and  
12               disclosures of records pertaining to the  
13               individual;
- 14          (E) The right to correct or amend records pertaining  
15               to the individual; and
- 16          (F) The individual's right to place a statement in a  
17               record pertaining to that individual;
- 18       (12) Shall adopt rules that set forth an administrative  
19           appeals structure which provides for:
- 20           (A) Agency procedures for processing records  
21               requests;



- 1 (B) A direct appeal from the division maintaining the  
2 record; and
- 3 (C) Time limits for action by agencies;
- 4 (13) Shall adopt rules that set forth the fees and other  
5 charges that may be imposed for searching, reviewing,  
6 or segregating disclosable records, as well as to  
7 provide for a waiver of fees when the public interest  
8 would be served;
- 9 (14) Shall adopt rules which set forth uniform standards  
10 for the records collection practices of agencies;
- 11 (15) Shall adopt rules that set forth uniform standards for  
12 disclosure of records for research purposes;
- 13 (16) Shall have standing to appear in cases where the  
14 provisions of this chapter or part I of chapter 92 are  
15 called into question;
- 16 (17) Shall adopt, amend, or repeal rules pursuant to  
17 chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this chapter;  
18 and
- 19 (18) Shall take action to oversee compliance with part I of  
20 chapter 92 by all state and county boards including:



(A) Receiving and resolving complaints~~[7]~~, either by determining whether a violation occurred or providing guidance;

(B) Advising all government boards and the public about compliance with chapter 92; and

(C) Reporting each year to the legislature on all complaints received pursuant to section 92-1.5."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Hakshum*

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# H.B. NO. 676

**Report Title:**

Uniform Information Practices Act; OIP; Powers and Duties

**Description:**

Requires the OIP director to rule or provide guidance on an agency denial of access to, or granting of access to, information or records. Requires the OIP director to receive and resolve complaints under Hawaii's sunshine law either by determining whether a violation occurred or providing guidance.

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