

GOV. MSG. NO. 1278

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

June 27, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB3219 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW. **ACT 177**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

STATE OF HAWAII

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW.

| | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII: |
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| 1 | SECTION 1. The legislature finds that children's privacy |
| 2 | rights prevail over the public's right to know. Therefore, the |
| 3 | purpose of this Act is to amend the State's sunshine law to |
| 4 | protect children's privacy in online public meetings. |
| 5 | SECTION 2. Section 92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is |
| 6 | amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: |
| 7 | "(a) A board may hold a remote meeting by interactive |
| 8 | conference technology; provided that the interactive conference |
| 9 | technology used by the board allows audiovisual interaction |
| 10 | among all members of the board participating in the meeting and |
| 11 | all members of the public attending the meeting, except as |
| 12 | otherwise provided under this section; provided further that |

there is at least one meeting location that is open to the

public and has an audiovisual connection. A board holding a

remote meeting pursuant to this section shall not be required to

allow members of the public to join board members in person at

nonpublic locations where board members are physically present

or to identify those locations in the notice required by section

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| 1 | 92-7; provided that at the meeting, each board member shall |
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| 2 | state [who, if anyone, is] the name of any person eighteen years |
| 3 | of age or older who is present at the nonpublic location with |
| 4 | the member[-]; provided further that the name of a person under |
| 5 | the age of eighteen years shall be stated if the person has a |
| 6 | personal business, property, or financial interest on any issue |
| 7 | before the board at the meeting. The notice required by section |
| 8 | 92-7 shall: |
| 9 | (1) List at least one meeting location that is open to the |
| 10 | public that shall have an audiovisual connection; and |
| 11 | (2) Inform members of the public how to contemporaneously: |
| 12 | (A) Remotely view the video and audio of the meeting |
| 13 | through internet streaming or other means; and |
| 14 | (B) Provide remote oral testimony in a manner that |
| 15 | allows board members and other meeting |
| 16 | participants to hear the testimony, whether |
| 17 | through an internet link, a telephone conference, |
| 18 | or other means. |
| 19 | The board may provide additional locations open for public |
| 20 | participation. The notice required by section 92-7 shall list |
| 21 | any additional locations open for public participation and |

- 1 specify, in the event an additional location loses its
- 2 audiovisual connection to the remote meeting, whether the
- 3 meeting will continue without that location or will be
- 4 automatically recessed to restore communication as provided in
- 5 subsection (c)."
- 6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

APPROVED this 27th day of June , 2022

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 3, 2022 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2022.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 3219, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 3, 2022 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita

Chief Clerk

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