STAND. COM. REP. NO. 947 -22 Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 04 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2026 H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2026, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHAPTER 92, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen the understanding of, and public participation in, the administrative proceedings and process of government boards by:

- Making clarifying amendments to Hawaii's open meetings law to reflect existing opinions and guidance from the Office of Information Practices;
- (2) Authorizing a permitted interaction for the narrow purpose of preparing a written statement for the Legislature;
- (3) Specifying when board packets must be available to interested persons; and
- (4) Specifying that Hawaii's open meetings law applies to all adjudicatory functions concerning land use, including adjudicatory functions exercised by the Land Use Commission.

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Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the one member of the Hawai'i County Council, Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Hawaii Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, and Common Cause Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and Office of Information Practices.

Your Committee finds that this measure will allow the public as well as state and county board members to engage more meaningfully in public discourse.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Clarifying when board packets must be available to interested persons;
- (2) Clarifying that board packets are not required to be created; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

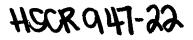
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2026, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2026, H.D. 2.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

KASHIMA, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2026, HDI	Committee	Referral:	JHA	Date: 2-25-	.55
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) 					
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If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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