

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2656

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2143
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 2143 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require each state board to make its board packets publicly available prior to the board's meeting.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from The Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, Common Cause Hawaii, and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that a recurring issue with many state boards is the inadequate or incomplete provision of information regarding agenda topics in advance of board meetings. This impairs the public's ability to provide meaningful comment on board matters. Your Committee further finds that members of the public have useful contributions to make on a wide array of issues and should be allowed to provide comments on issues on the agenda and not only at the beginning of meetings. Accordingly, your Committee finds that this measure will promote public engagement



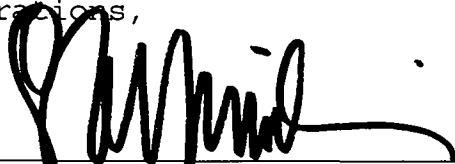
in the operation of state boards by increasing the amount of information provided to the public in advance of board meetings.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the definition of "board packet";
- (2) Clarifying that boards are not required to prepare and use board packets, but when boards do so, they are required to make the board packets available to the public before the meeting; and
- (3) Increasing the required packet availability from twenty-four to forty-eight hours prior to a board meeting.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2143, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2143, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,

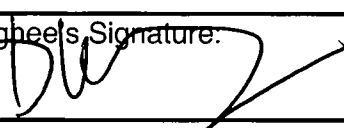


SHARON MORIWAKI, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Government Operations
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2143	Committee Referral: GVO, JDC/WAM	Date: 02/15/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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