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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2111 SD1  
RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES.**

SENATOR KARL RHOADS, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: March 3, 2022

Room Number: Videoconference

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Operational cost savings in the tens of thousands of dollars for individual  
2 programs within executive agencies.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports this measure  
4 intended to improve government efficiency without compromising public engagement and  
5 transparency. This is accomplished by authorizing executive agencies the option to publish  
6 certain public notices on its official web site in lieu of in printed newspapers. SB2111 SD1 is  
7 intended for routine public notices such as those required by federal agencies, usually for  
8 regulated industries. For example, the US Environmental Protection Agency requires certain  
9 Clean Water Act permit information to be published as public notice for which internet  
10 publication is acceptable, but state law requires print publication and thus the stricter state statute  
11 prevails.

12 Public notices of substance or great public interest, such as hearings for Hawaii Administrative  
13 Rules, Sunshine Law notices, or contested case hearings are governed by more specific statutes  
14 that require newspaper and internet posting, so SB2111 SD1 would not apply.

15 DOH acknowledges that many residents and communities still rely on printed newspapers due to  
16 lack of access to broadband or unfamiliarity with digital telecommunications systems. The  
17 requirement for state and county agencies to conduct an impact analysis is prudent, and the  
18 department remains open to amendments to diminish unintended consequences.

1 Stakeholders in scope for this measure are entities that already monitor government rules and  
2 regulations, either paid professionals in regulated industries or advocates. Examples of annual  
3 cost savings this measure will provide include \$100,000 for National Pollutant Discharge  
4 Elimination System permits, \$100,000 for waste water variance postings, \$5,000 for  
5 underground injection control permits, and \$30,000 for clean air permits.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

7 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair;  
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair;  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Isaac W. Choy, Director  
Department of Taxation

Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022  
Time: 9:30 A.M.  
Place: Via Video Conference, State Capitol

**Re: S.B. 2111, S.D. 1, Relating to Public Notices**

The Department of Taxation (Department) supports S.B. 2111, S.D. 1, and offers the following comments for the committee's consideration.

S.B. 2111, S.D. 1, amends section 1-28.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to allow government agencies to publish certain public notices on the official State or relevant county website as an alternative to newspaper publishing. The measure is effective upon approval.

The Department notes that the Committee on Government Operations, pursuant to testimony by the Department of Health, amended the previous version of this measure to include provisions to help ensure individuals with visual impairments, limited broadband access, and limited technological experience would not be negatively affected by this change. The Department appreciates these amendments and requests that they remain intact.

Allowing the Department and other government agencies to publish routine notices online instead of purchasing newspaper advertisements would help save time and money that could be better applied to other areas of government administration. Online publishing would also likely be more convenient and accessible for the majority of taxpayers and other interested members of the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Statement of  
**JOHN DE FRIES**

Hawai'i Tourism Authority  
before the

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

March 3, 2022  
9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol  
via videoconference

In consideration of  
**SENATE BILL NO. 2111 SD1**  
**RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee on Judiciary.

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority appreciates the opportunity to testify in **support** of SB2111 SD1, which allows government agencies to publish public notices on an official website as an alternative to a newspaper.

The HTA, from time to time, must publish public notices. Allowing us to utilize our official website to publish these notices would allow us to reduce and/or eliminate these costs in the future. Furthermore, posting these notices electronically through our official website would considerably reduce the time it would take to otherwise post it through the current process.

We appreciate this opportunity to testify in **support** of SB2111 SD1. Mahalo.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR

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HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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OFFICE OF FEDERAL AWARDS MANAGEMENT (OFAM)

**WRITTEN ONLY**  
TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 2111, S.D. 1

**March 3, 2022**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Via Videoconference**

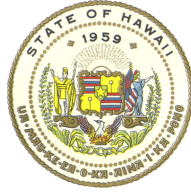
RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES

Senate Bill No. 2111, S.D. 1, provides government agencies under certain circumstances the option to publish public notices via a posting on their official website in lieu or addition to publications such as printed newspapers.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports the intent of this bill, however, we believe the S.D. 1 amendment may be too restrictive. The term “rationale for posting only online” as applicable to this bill is not well-defined, which may significantly limit the scope of what constitutes when it is acceptable for a governmental agency to post only online for public notification purposes.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
JUDICIARY**

**Thursday, March 3, 2022  
9:30 AM  
Via Video Conference**

**SENATE BILL 2111, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES**

Senate Bill 2111, Senate Draft 1 proposes to amend Section 1-28.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow government agencies to publish public notices on their official website or the state calendar as an alternative to the newspaper, provided 1) a statute or rule with more specific notification requirements does not apply; 2) an evaluation and rationale has been prepared as to why use internet postings if the information affects people with poor or no internet or limited computer access; and 3) it is published in a format accessible to those who are visually impaired. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this Administration measure.**

The Department supports this measure as it will make the notification process simpler, timelier and more effective. Newspaper subscriptions have decreased as more people rely on web-based news sources and information. For example, the Star Advertiser had a circulation of 268,244 in 2012. In 2022, its circulation is 147,959, a decrease of near 50%. Thirty percent (30%) of people under 30 have never read a newspaper (Statistica 2022). The option to use web-based notification allows government agencies to choose the most effective media for their public notices.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this measure.

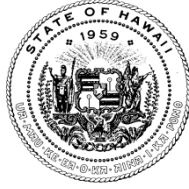
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March 3, 2022  
9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Teleconference

**S.B. 2111, S.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES**

Senate Committee on Judiciary

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 2111, S.D. 1 which proposes to allow government agencies the option to publish certain public notices on its official web site in lieu of publication in a daily or weekly printed newspaper.

S.B. 2111, S.D.1 as written will allow government agencies, when not otherwise stated in a specific statute, to publish public notices without undertaking the monetary and time cost of procuring a print ad. Public notices for hearings on Hawaii Administrative Rules and Sunshine Law notices would continue to be published in the daily or weekly printed newspaper of the affected county. The DOT believes this would increase efficiency of permit and design processes and supports the proposed amendment to Section 1-28.5.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

# OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES

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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: March 3, 2022, 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Via Videoconference

Re: Testimony on S.B. No. 2111, S.D. 1  
Relating to Public Notices

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which would allow government agencies to publish public notices on an official website as an alternative to a newspaper in some circumstances. The Office of Information Practices (OIP) is neutral as to the intent of this bill, but is concerned that the wording of **where notices are to be posted is confusing due to what appears to be a typographical error.**

Although OIP itself does not oversee notice requirements other than as set out in the Sunshine Law, part 1 of chapter 92, HRS, and does not oversee the notice requirement being amended here, OIP is the State agency contact for the state's electronic calendar operated by the ehawaii.gov portal provider. **OIP recommends an amendment to clarify that a notice may be posted either on an electronic calendar or a website for legal notices**, thus allowing for appropriate posting of both notices of hearings or other events and informational notices not linked to a specific time and date.

The bill (at page 2 line 20 to page 3 line 1) currently requires electronically posted public notices to be "on an electronic calendar on an official



website for legal notices maintained by the State or the appropriate county[.]” (Emphasis added.) The State’s public meetings calendar at [calendar.ehawaii.gov](http://calendar.ehawaii.gov) is set up for postings of only calendar-type events, *i.e.*, events planned for a particular date and time, and thus is used for Sunshine Law meetings, public hearings, agency-hosted community meetings, and other events scheduled to take place at a specified date and time. **However, the purpose section of this bill indicates that the notices intended to be posted electronically also include legal notices that are informational and are not linked to a specific date and time**, such as clean water environmental hazard advisories and information about disaster-related response and recovery activities. **A calendar sorted by date and time would be an inappropriate format for such legal notices**, which would be more suitably posted in a similar format to a blog or news site with postings sorted by topic and recency of posting.

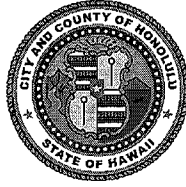
Given the clear intent of this bill to cover health advisories and other non-date-specific legal notices, it seems likely that the requirement for where notices may be posted had a **typographical error**: instead of “on an electronic calendar on an official website for legal notices,” it should have read “on an electronic calendar or an official website for legal notices.” (Emphasis added.) **OIP recommends that the bill be amended to fix that likely error**, thus allowing for meetings, public hearings, and similar events to be posted on the State or county calendar, while health advisories, emergency information, and other informational notices are posted on an official website for legal notices. **This would require amending page 2 lines 20-21 to replace the “on” at the end of line 20 with “or,” to read: “. . . an electronic calendar or an official website for legal notices[.]”**

Thank you for considering OIP’s testimony.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING  
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

March 3, 2022

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

**Subject: Senate Bill No. 2111, SD 1  
Relating to Public Notices**

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **supports** Senate Bill No. 2111, SD 1, which allows government agencies to publish public notices on their official website as an alternative to the newspaper.

Public notices in newspapers are expensive and have limited visibility, especially among those who tend to obtain daily news and information from social media and other online sources. In fiscal year 2021, City and County of Honolulu departments spent a combined \$296,000 on legal ads in the local daily newspaper, and that cost will surely rise. The DPP alone spent \$32,000 in legal notices, up from \$18,000 just two years prior.

The public's access to information has evolved with the advancement in internet and mobile technology. It is our responsibility to adapt and accommodate the public, in order to serve them in the most efficient and cost-effective way possible. The Hawaii Legislature has already shown that it can successfully transition away from paper documents, as nearly all of its activities are web-based, from the posting of bills and hearings, to the submittal of testimony, be it in written or oral form.

This Bill would allow the DPP and other agencies to accommodate people's preference and reach a wider audience at lower cost, which will increase government efficiency, transparency, and encourage more public engagement.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Uchida".

Dean Uchida  
Director



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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March 3, 2022

### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

#### Senate Bill 2111, Senate Draft 1 – Relating to Public Notices

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) opposes Senate Bill 2111, Senate Draft 1 Relating to Public Notices. The purpose of this bill is to allow government agencies under certain circumstances to publish public notices on an official website as an alternative to a newspaper.

DCAB recommends the bill be amended to require the public notice be published in the newspaper and on an official website for legal notices maintained by the State or appropriate county, thereby reaching the maximum audience possible in multiple and accessible formats.

Please note that Section 2, (3)(B) should include all persons with disabilities to access online public notices, and change the language to:

(B) Post documents in accessible formats on an accessible official website.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristine Pagano*

*for* KIRBY L. SHAW  
Executive Director

Statement Before The  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Thursday, March 3, 2022

9:30 AM

Via Videoconference

in consideration of  
**SB 2111, SD1**  
**RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES.**

Chair RHOADS, Vice Chair KEOHOKALOLE, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Common Cause Hawaii provides written comments with concerns regarding SB 2111, SD1, which allows government agencies to publish public notices on an official website as an alternative to a newspaper.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of our representative democracy – a democracy that works for everyone.

As technology advances, many of our basic democracy values depend on robust connectivity. Broadband enhances civic engagement, participation in the democratic process, and a responsive government. Yet too many in Hawaii lack access to affordable, high-speed broadband and continue to face significant barriers to get online.

SB 2111, SD1, allowing government agencies to publish public notices on an official website as an alternative to a newspaper, would increase the divide in government services and accessibility between those with broadband access and those without. Everyone should be made aware of “clean water environmental hazard advisories, as well as in more urgent conditions such as disaster—related response and recovery activities.” See SB 2111, SD1, at page 1, lines 7-9. These critical and time-sensitive matters should not just be limited for those who know how to navigate the internet and have broadband. SB 2111, SD1 may have unintended, severe consequences.

Thus, Common Cause Hawaii proposes that:

- only routine and non-critical public notices may be posted on an official website as an alternative to a newspaper and
- the intention to post only online must be routinely published in a statewide or county physical publication, as applicable, by a state or county agency for a minimum of one year prior to implementing online only routine and non-critical public notices.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide cautioning comments on SB 2111, SD1. If you have questions of me, please contact me at [sma@commoncause.org](mailto:sma@commoncause.org).

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma  
Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary

March 3, 2022; 9:30 AM  
Via Videoconference

**RE: SB 2111 SD1 – Relating to Public Notices – IN OPPOSITION**

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the committee:

Oahu Publications Inc. (OPI) respectfully opposes SB 2111 SD1, which allows government agencies under certain circumstances to publish public notices on an official website as an alternative to a newspaper.

OPI publishes 4 of the 5 daily newspapers in the State, including the Honolulu Star-Advertiser, The Garden Island, Hawaii Tribune-Herald and West Hawaii Today. This bill is unnecessary as we already have all legal ads on the following websites:

[www.staradvertiser.com](http://www.staradvertiser.com)  
[www.hawaiitribune-herald.com](http://www.hawaiitribune-herald.com)  
[www.westhawaii.com](http://www.westhawaii.com)  
[www.thegardenisland.com](http://www.thegardenisland.com)

The total combined monthly views per month is over 28 million. Anyone can view these ads, not just subscribers. You don't need a password or subscription to view them.

The intent of most legal notices is to make a valid attempt to reach (notice) the largest general public audience possible. Allowing other websites for legal notices maintained by the State or a county, which will incur costs and resources, is duplicative and we question whether it will accomplish the intent. There may be confusion if government agencies each selected a different venue to publish their notices. Government websites may be inadequate as people may be unaware of them and will not check them with any regularity. This undermines the intent to notify the public and increase transparency.

A shift to an internet-based publication would disproportionately disadvantage low-income residents and rural communities that have less access to the internet. Also, a significant number of kupuna do not use the internet at all. The Star-Advertiser print version alone has nearly 300,000 daily readers. The neighbor island papers are the primary source for local news with over 60% reach of all households.



Further, websites do not create permanent records. In some cases, it is important to have a hard-copy archival of historical documents.

The Star-Advertiser views public notices as a necessary service to the community, and the print version is vital for kupuna and those without reliable internet access. In the last ten years, our already low State rate (half of normal rate) has only increased 6%, although our costs for paper, shipping, distribution and labor have increased.

For these reasons, we ask that you hold this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Dennis E. Francis  
President & Publisher





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**The State Legislature**  
**The Senate Committee on Judiciary**  
**Thursday, March 3, 2022**  
**9:30 a.m.**

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
RE: S.B. 2111 S.D.1, Relating to Public Notices

Aloha Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over, with over 140,000 members in Hawai'i. **AARP Hawai'i is submitting written comment on S.B. 2111, S.D. 1** which allows government agencies under certain circumstances to publish public notices on an official website as an alternative to a newspaper.

While we appreciate the efficiency and expediency of electronic posting especially for time-sensitive public notification, we are concerned that this may pose a problem for those with limited or no access to broadband/internet services. While there are growing users of digital technology, there are still many who lack access to reliable connectivity especially in rural areas, affordability, and limited digital literacy skills. Furthermore, it is not clear whether the State will create one consolidated public notification website for easy viewing of all official postings. Otherwise, it will be difficult for the public to scan through multiple official websites for new notices on a regular basis. Many people especially kūpuna, still rely on traditional print publications which remain as one of the primary modes for public communication.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on S.B. 2111 S.D. 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keali'i S. Lopez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keali'i Lopez, State Director



Testimony of the  
**Hawai'i State Association of Counties**  
on  
**S.B. No. 2111 S.D.1**  
**Relating to Public Notices.**  
Committee on Judiciary  
Thursday, February 3, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

The Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) strongly supports S.B. 2111 S.D. 1 which would allow government agencies the option to publish statewide or county public notices via posting on their official website as an option in lieu of or in addition to newspaper publication.

In 1998, the statutory requirements for the dissemination of public notice were amended to recognize methods or publications other than the daily newspaper, and to “provide more uniformity and consistency in the method and placement of public notices.” S.B. No. 2111 S.D. 1 proposes to further modernize public notice requirements by:

- Deleting obsolete language; and
- Allowing statewide or county publication of public notices to be given “by posting on an electronic calendar on an official website for legal notices maintained by the State or the appropriate county;” provided the agency evaluates and documents the rationale for posting only online (when “the subject of the public notice is likely to impact persons with limited, inconsistent, or unreliable broadband access or significant inexperience with broadband-enabled telecommunications;”) and
- posting is made in a format accessible to visually impaired individuals.

The changes in S.B. 21119 S.D. 1 will improve and modernize public access by giving interested persons the ability to view and download public information from the Internet and access the information from their home or place of business. The amendments to the bill included in S.B. 2111 S.D.1 provide consideration for those who have limited online access by requiring the posting agency to consider and evidence the rationale for posting online only where the impact would likely fall on those with less ability to receive notice in that manner, and accommodation is made for the visually impaired.

Overall, virtual meetings have increased public participation in public meetings, and we believe electronic notices may have a similar effect on public awareness. Moreover, daily or weekly newspapers may not always be published in each county, as that form of media has





become less sustainable for many news outlets. In the event such publications cease to exist, counties would have a legal alternative to utilize.

For these reasons the Hawai'i State Association of Counties strongly supports S.B. 2111 S.D. 1 and requests your favorable consideration of this measure.

**SB-2111-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/2/2022 8:53:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Linda Muralidharan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee,

I believe in transparency in the family and in government. Therefore I want to see continued the requirement that public notices be published in a newspaper. Publishing online is acceptable to me as a supplement but not as the main source of information.

Many of us, especially seniors, actually read the newspaper and, speaking for myself surely, as we flip through the pages we see the public notices. We may or not want to read them, but they are easily noticed. If the public notices are only on line many folks may not be bothering to look up that resource unless someone has a high level of interest in an upcoming project.

Furthermore, we are still in an era where some people do not have the bandwidth for a computer and many just do not own one or use one regularly for other reasons. Seniors often are among those not using computers regularly or at all.

Please be sure notices continue to be printed.

Thank you,

Linda Muralidharan

98-945 Moanalua Rd., #1003

Aiea, HI

**SB-2111-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/2/2022 10:03:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Esther Ueda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Although the proposed measure would simplify the publishing process for government agencies, I am concerned that there are many seniors and others that are not able to access or utilize the internet to be able to be properly notified of the possible impacts of certain government actions.

Many still rely on printed publications. Although we have made great strides in internet access and usage, I believe we still need to keep the printed alternative.

**LATE**

**SB-2111-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/3/2022 12:22:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Barbara J. Service	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and committee members!**

**I am a resident of SB8 and HB19 and I am writing in regard to SB2111, which would allow some state agencies to post public notices online, rather than in print media.**

**It is imperative in the foreseeable future that print media is used. It would be wonderful if everyone had a computer AND computer skills AND internet access BUT we're not there yet!**

**Please pass this bill to continue the use of print media for public notices.**

**Mahalo for the opportunity to testify!**

**Barbara J. Service. MSW (ret)'**

**Kupuna advocate**