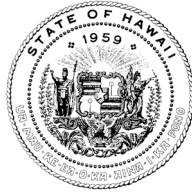


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Testimony of  
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Enterprise Technology Services

Before the

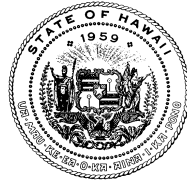
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
SEANTE BILL NO. 2111  
RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES

Dear Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the committee:

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) supports this bill which allows government agencies to publish public notices on an official government website as an alternative to a newspaper.

This measure removes specific references to Hawaii FYI, an old state government website, and adds other publicly accessible government on-line options as timely and cost-effective alternatives for posting government legal notices. We support efforts that provide for and encourage adopting modern technologies and business practices that expand public engagement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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

SENATOR SHARON Y. MORIWAKI, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Hearing Date: February 15, 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 which improves 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 is  
7 intended for routine public notices such as those required by the certain federal agencies. For  
8 example, the US Environmental Protection Agency requires certain Clean Water Act permit  
9 information to be published as public notice for which internet publication is acceptable, but  
10 state law requires print publication and thus the stricter state statute prevails.

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

14 As an example of the cost savings this measure will provide, public notices for National  
15 Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits cost applicants about \$100,000 annually; public  
16 notices for the Wastewater Branch variance program cost applicants about \$100,000 annually;  
17 public notices for Underground Injection Control permits cost applicants about \$5000 annually;  
18 and public notices for Clean Air Branch permits cost applicants about \$30,000 annually.

19 Applicants include state agencies and the public.

1 DOH acknowledges that many residents and communities rely on printed newspapers due to lack  
2 of access to broadband or unfamiliarity with digital telecommunications systems. In order to  
3 assure continuity for such residents, the department recommends amendments that:

- 4 1. Authorize online-only posts only after one year of printed public notices of the intent to  
5 switch to online-only,
- 6 2. Analyze and demonstrate impact of going online only, and
- 7 3. Assure a format of online postings compatible with technology used by visually impaired  
8 persons.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

10 **Offered Amendments:**

11 SECTION 2. Section 1-28.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
12 is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

13 "(a) Notwithstanding any other statute, law,  
14 charter provision, ordinance, or rule to the contrary,  
15 whenever a government agency is required to give public  
16 notice or to publish notice, the notice shall be given  
17 only as follows:

18 (1) For statewide publication:

19 (A) In a daily or weekly publication of  
20 statewide circulation; or

21 (B) By publication in separate daily or weekly  
22 publications whose combined circulation is  
23 statewide; [~~and~~]

1 (2) For county-wide publication, by publication in a daily or weekly publication in  
2 the affected county[-

3 ~~Additional supplemental notice may also be given through~~  
4 ~~Hawaii FYI, the State's interactive computer system.]; or~~

5 (3) For statewide or county publication of routine and non-critical public notices,  
6 as applicable, by posting on an electronic calendar on an official website for legal  
7 notices maintained by the State or the appropriate county, provided that the state or  
8 county agency shall:

- 9 (A) Conduct and document the evaluation process and rationale to justify an  
10 online-only posting if the subject of the public notice is likely to impact  
11 persons with limited, inconsistent, or unreliable broadband access or  
12 significant inexperience with broadband-enabled telecommunications;  
13 (B) Retain the evaluation and furnish it upon request;  
14 (C) Publish the intention to post only online a minimum of one year prior to  
15 implementing online-only posts; and  
16 (D) Post the online-only public notice in a format accessible to technology  
17 that assists individuals who are visually impaired.”

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is  
19 bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is  
20 underscored.

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EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
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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 GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 2111

**February 15, 2022**  
**3:10 p.m.**  
**Via Videoconference**

RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) supports this bill.

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

The Director of Finance (DOF) is currently required to give, twice in successive weeks, statewide public notice of the State growth and expenditure ceiling. Additionally, the Governor reports the status of unreleased grants once every quarterly allotment period in the manner prescribed by Section 1-28.5, HRS. Section 1-28.5, HRS, requires the public notice to be published statewide in a daily or weekly publication of statewide circulation or by publication in separate daily or weekly publications whose combined circulation is statewide. In practice, the Governor has delegated the reporting of the status of grants to the DOF.

The cost of publishing public notices in the newspaper at B&F totals approximately \$11,000 each fiscal year. It would be more cost effective if the Governor or the DOF could report the information on the Governor's or B&F's website, as applicable.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
February 15, 2022 at 3:10 p.m.

by  
Kalbert K. Young  
Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer  
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### SB 2111 – RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES

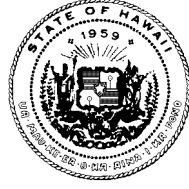
Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2111. This bill would provide government agencies the option to publish public notices on an official website as an alternative to a newspaper.

The University supports SB 2111 as it will make the public notification process for certain notices more effective and efficient. We have found that the number of newspaper subscriptions have decreased in recent years, thereby reducing our reach for public notices. Alternatively, more citizens tend to rely on online news sources for information which makes publishing public notices more challenging to ensure that they are seen by readers. The University also already publishes its public notices for administrative rules, bond transactions, Board of Regents meetings, and committees on various websites beyond what is currently required by state statute in order to ensure that it is more broadly advertised.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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CATHY BETTS  
DIRECTOR

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**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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February 13, 2022

TO: The Honorable Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **SB2111 – RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES.**

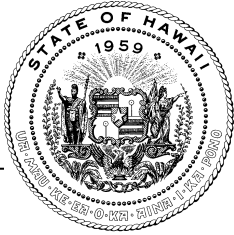
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Via Videoconference, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this measure.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this measure is to provide government agencies the option to publish notice via a posting on their official website, instead of or in addition to publication in daily or weekly publication such as a printed newspaper.

DHS supports the option to publish notices via a posting on our website. DHS remains committed to maintaining timely communication with its applicants and recipients, especially during this pandemic when there were many program updates and changes. DHS will continue utilizing its website to communicate program information that may affect applicant and recipient eligibility and disbursement of essential benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



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Testimony of  
**SCOTT J. GLENN, Chief Energy Officer**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
3:10 PM  
Via Videoconference

**SUPPORT  
SB 2111  
RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES.**

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2111, which allows government agencies to publish public notices on an official website as an alternative to a newspaper.

HSEO supports this measure to allow agencies the option of posting public notices on their official website in lieu of, or in addition to, publication in a printed daily or weekly newspaper. Electronic posting provides an expedient, efficient, and cost-effective option to reach a broad audience of interested and/or affected people.

HSEO's testimony is guided by its mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation to help achieve a resilient, clean energy, decarbonized economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**

**3:10 PM**

**Via Video Conference**

**SENATE BILL 2111  
RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES**

Senate Bill 2111 proposes to allow government agencies to publish public notice on their official website as an alternative to the newspaper. **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 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.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
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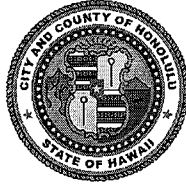
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February 15, 2022

The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Government Operations  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Moriwaki and Committee Members:

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

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **strongly supports** Senate Bill No. 2111, 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, appearing to read "Dean Uchida", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Dean Uchida  
Director

National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii  
Testimony before the Committee on Government Operations (GVO)  
Hawaii State Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature, Regular Session of 2022  
February 15, 2022, 3:10 PM, hearing on SB2111

Good afternoon chair, vice chair, and members. I am James Gashel, representing the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, supporting but suggesting an amendment to SB2111.

This bill is intended to allow posting of public notices on government websites as an alternative to posting in local newspapers. We support this objective and suggest that posting notices electronically will achieve greater distribution of notices. That said, you need to know of accessibility concerns that can arise for blind people when information is posted on websites.

In designing the perfect world, we can all hope that notices posted on websites are more likely than not to be accessible to individuals who access the Internet with screen readers. Screen readers allow blind people to listen to content on websites or to obtain the content in Braille. This technology works very well.

However, the technology only works when the information is being posted in a format that a screen reader can read. Text information works very well; images do not. If a notice is displayed in ordinary text or HTML content on a website, our screen readers can do very well; access should be automatic. But if the notice is posted as a PDF file, created from scanning text, for example, screen reading technology is not able to speak the text or create the notice in Braille. The word you will often hear here is simply “image,” if anything at all.

Our solution: please amend the bill to add: “provided that notices posted or distributed electronically shall be in a screen reader accessible format used by people unable to read standard print due to disability.”

Mahalo for hearing our concerns. If SB2111 is important enough to pass, allowing posting of public notices on websites, we just don’t want to be left out. Blind people must not end up on the wrong side of the digital divide.

Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Chair  
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations

February 15, 2022; 3:10 PM  
Via Videoconference

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

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the committee:

Oahu Publications Inc. (OPI) respectfully opposes SB 2111, which allows government agencies to publish 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.hawaii-tribune-herald.com](http://www.hawaii-tribune-herald.com)  
[www.westhawaii-today.com](http://www.westhawaii-today.com)  
[www.the-garden-island.com](http://www.the-garden-island.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 purpose of a legal ad is to "give notice" in a means best to reach the largest random audience. Requiring another website for legal notices maintained by the State or a county, which will incur costs and resources, is duplicative and we question whether it will reach the largest possible audience.

Further, many kupuna across the islands do not have access to electronic platforms and will not be properly served, if this bill passes. 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.

As legal notices are already reaching the largest possible audience, both in print and digital platforms, we ask that you hold this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Dennis E. Francis  
President & Publisher



Statement Before The  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

3:10 PM

Via Video Conference

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

Chair MORIWAKI, Vice Chair DELA CRUZ, and Members of the Senate Government Operations Committee

Common Cause Hawaii provides written comments with concerns regarding SB 2111, 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, 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 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 may have unintended, severe consequences.

Common Cause Hawaii does support the proposed amendments by the State Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide cautioning comments on SB 2111. 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



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**David Y. Ige**  
*Governor*

**John De Fries**  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Statement of  
**JOHN DE FRIES**

Hawai'i Tourism Authority  
before the

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

February 15, 2022  
3:10 p.m.  
State Capitol  
via videoconference

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

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Aloha Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee on Government Operations.

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority appreciates the opportunity to testify in **support** of SB2111, 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. Mahalo.

# PETER L. FRITZ

## THE SENATE THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2022

### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Testimony on S.B. 2111  
Hearing: February 15, 2022

#### RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, members of the Committee, my name is Peter Fritz. I am an individual with a disability and testifying in **opposition to Senate Bill 2111**. This bill could discriminate against individuals with disabilities, kupuna and citizens without access to broadband internet or the internet.

Public notices include subjects such as abandoned property, opening of public housing waiting lists, legislative reapportionment, summons, proposed rules, bills on water quality and council hearings.

An internet notice is an inadequate substitute for a printed, fixed newspaper notice. If this bill moves forward, it should provide that the internet should be used with newspapers to extend the reach of printed notices.

Notices published in newspapers observe the four traditional elements of public notice, publication by an independent party, accessibility (newspapers are accessible to individuals that use screen readers), ability to easily authentic, and are capable of archiving at a reasonable cost.

Publication solely on the internet could discriminate against citizens in the following ways:

#### **Accessibility - Digital Divide.**

COVID is a prime example of the extent of the digital divide. Many students in lived in communities lacked access to the internet and had to study in parking lots to have access to public WIFI offered by coffee shops and other merchants that operated open WIFI networks in order to complete their school assignments.

The digital divide is growing due to the massive migration to smartphones and other small-screen digital devices. Documents are easier to read on equipment with larger screens.

Significant numbers of people in rural areas still lack access to high-speed internet access needed to download a large notice.

People that are older than 65 or who have lower incomes are also cut off from the internet in far higher numbers than the average.

An individual eligible for an opening on the public housing waiting list might be unaware of the opening because they did not have access to the internet.

## **Verification**

A statutory notice is an official record. Ensuring that the official notice is published in print and on the internet is one small way official records can be preserved. Verifying publication is difficult-to impossible on the web. If there was a question about when a notice was published on a website, a court would have to subject digital evidence to far greater scrutiny than evidence published in newspapers.

Records have been lost because of programming changes. CNN published a story about how the demise of Adobe Flash wiped out “some of the most iconic 9/11 news coverage” as well as “other major events from the early days of online journalism.” The same could happen to a notice that was published electronically.

It could be a mistake to rely on the web as the sole publication point for statutory notice, since the notice is an official record that could be wiped out.

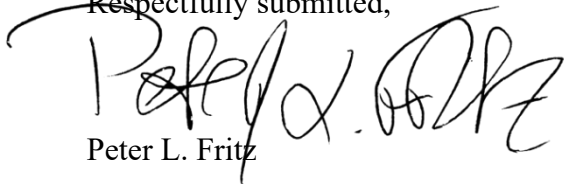
A question that should be asked of the State Archives is whether Hawaii has rules governing the preservation and archiving of electronically published documents.

## **Disability Discrimination**

Many disabled individuals do not have a computer or cannot use a computer. Other disabled individuals use assistive technology to access the internet. Websites and documents posted on a website must be accessible for users of this assistive technology. Publication exclusively on the internet could discriminate against these individuals since there are no provisions in this bill requiring that notices be accessible or provisions that void the notice if the notice is not accessible.

I respectfully request that this measure be deferred.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter L. Fritz



DAVID Y. IGE  
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**TESTIMONY BY:**

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February 15, 2022  
3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Teleconference



**S.B. 2111**  
**RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES**

Senate Committee on Government Affairs

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 2111 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.

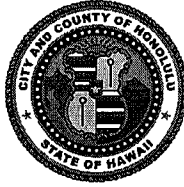
S.B. 2111 as written will allow government agencies, when not otherwise stated in a specific statute, to publish public notices without undertaking the monetary and time cost of procuring a print ad. Public notices for hearings on Hawaii Administrative Rules and Sunshine Law notices would continue to 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.

DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

February 15, 2022

**LATE**

The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair  
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Government Operations  
The Senate  
State Capitol, Via Videoconference  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Moriwaki, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz, and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2111  
Relating to Public Notices

The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) respectfully **supports** Senate Bill No. 2111. The purpose of the bill is to provide government agencies the option to publish notice via a posting on their official website, in lieu of or in addition to publication in daily or weekly publication such as a printed newspaper.

Electronic posting of notices would be more expedient and cost-effective, particularly for routine and/or time-sensitive notices.

Based on the above consideration, DDC respectfully **supports** Senate Bill No. 2111.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Kozlov", is written over a horizontal line.

Alex Kozlov, P.E.  
Director