



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Ke Ke'ena O Ka Hope Kia'aina

TO: Chair Angus McKelvey
Vice Chair Mike Gabbard
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

FROM: Sylvia Luke, Lieutenant Governor

RE: Testimony for S.B. 306 – Relating to Public Information

DATE: February 2, 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to **provide comments on S.B. 306** which requires the Hawaii Administrative Rules to be made available on the Office of the Lieutenant Governor's website.

In the short period that I have been in office, my staff and I have witnessed firsthand that the current system is antiquated and not user-friendly. Similar to the amendments proposed in S.B. 8 which your Committee heard earlier this week, the amendments proposed in this measure requires the full text of all Hawaii Administrative Rules be housed on our website. We fully support the addition of searchability functions and the centralization of administrative rules as these updates will make it easier for the public and community stakeholders to view and understand proposed changes that will impact their lives.

If the Legislature proceeds with these amendments, we respectfully request funding to build and maintain the new website components and one FTE position to oversee the multitude of website updates.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on S.B. 306.

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The Honorable Mike Gabbard
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Senate Committee on Government Operations
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: **SB 306-Relating to Public Information**

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Honorable Committee members:

I serve as the President of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers ("SHOPO") and write to you on behalf of our Union in strong support of SB 306. This bill seeks to provide a centralized location and greater accessibility for the public to find an agency's rules and policies used by the agency to discharge its functions.

We support the proposed amendment to amend HRS §91-2 which will require all government agencies subject to HRS §91 to have their rules and policies available at the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. A centralized location for all such rules and policies will provide easier access to the public and any interested party who would like to avail themselves of such information.

We thank you for allowing us to be heard on this very important issue and we hope your committee will unanimously support SB 306.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thursday, February 2, 2023, 3:15 pm Hearing, State Capitol Room 225 &
Videoconference

SB 306,
Relating to Public Information

TESTIMONY

Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports SB 306. The public should be able to use the internet to review rules and written statements of policy or interpretations for all state and county agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

SB-306

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 2:43:19 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/2/2023 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

I support this bill; however, I prefer SB 8, which requires that documents be accessible and searchable which enables the disabled to access these documents. In addition SB 8 and also requires proposed rules also be posted. If this bill moves forward, it should include these requirements.