

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2505**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3171

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 3171 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEETING NOTICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Mandate the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices; and
- (2) Repeal the requirement to post notices in a central location in a public building.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Department of Land and Natural Resources; one member of the Maui County Council; Society of Professional Journalists, Hawaii Chapter; and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices and Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that to fulfil its statutory responsibilities, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor posts physical copies of meeting notices daily in the chamber of the State Capitol for the public to view. However, it is impractical



for those who live on the neighbor islands to fly to Oahu to view the notices. Additionally, due to increased security measures at the State Capitol and other government facilities, it is unreasonable for residents and interested parties to physically enter a government building to view posted notices. This measure increases efficiency, decrease paper usage, and ensure public access to notices and agendas.

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. 3171 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3171	Committee Referral: GVO, JDC/WAM	Date: 2/8/2024
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

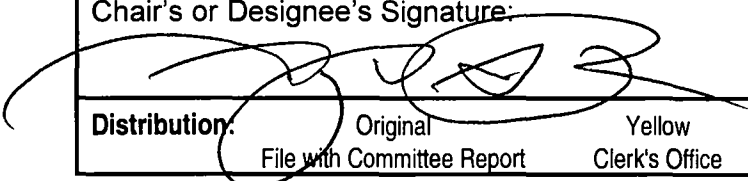
The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	/			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				✓
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			✓
AWA, Brenton	/			
TOTAL	3			2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____



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