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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:

2 (1) Require board packets to be made available two  
3 business days, rather than forty-eight hours, before a  
4 board meeting; and

5 (2) Clarify that public testimony may be provided to board  
6 members prior to the meeting.

7 SECTION 2. Section 92-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "**§92-7.5 Board packet; filing; public inspection; notice.**

10 At the time the board packet is distributed to the board  
11 members, but no later than [~~forty-eight hours~~] two business days  
12 before the meeting [~~time~~], the board shall also make the board  
13 packet available for public inspection in the board's office;  
14 provided that nothing in this section shall require creation of  
15 a board packet[~~-~~]; provided further that nothing in this section  
16 shall prohibit the distribution of public testimony to board  
17 members before the meeting. The board shall provide notice to



1 persons requesting notification of meetings pursuant to section  
2 92-7(e) that the board packet is available for inspection in the  
3 board's office and shall provide reasonably prompt access to the  
4 board packet to any person upon request. The board is not  
5 required to mail board packets. As soon as practicable, the  
6 board shall accommodate requests for electronic access to the  
7 board packet.

8 For purposes of this section, "board packet" means  
9 documents that are compiled by the board and distributed to  
10 board members before a meeting for use at that meeting, to the  
11 extent the documents are public under chapter 92F; provided that  
12 this section shall not require disclosure of executive session  
13 minutes, license applications, or other records for which the  
14 board cannot reasonably complete its redaction of nonpublic  
15 information in the time available before the public inspection  
16 required by this section."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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



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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 1598

**Report Title:**

Sunshine Law; Board Packet; Public Inspection; Notice; Testimony

**Description:**

Establishes that board packets shall be made available for public inspection no later than two business days, rather than forty-eight hours, before a board meeting. Clarifies that public testimony may be submitted to the board before the meeting.

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