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H. B. NO. 2571-72

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Publication of Legal Notices.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

**SECTION 1. Findings and purpose.** The legislature finds that although governmental agencies have complied with the literal meaning of statutes relating to the publication of legal notices, these agencies have not consistently satisfied the intent of the law, which includes notifying the people that will be affected by an upcoming action. Because of the current practices of agencies which merely meet the minimum legal requirements, many people are not informed about proposed public hearings. In order to establish open lines of communication between residents and the governmental agencies, it is imperative that the residents receive notice of future hearings. Therefore, it is the purpose of this Act to require that governmental agencies publish legal notices in newspapers in the counties affected by the proposed action, as well as in newspapers of statewide circulation.

**SECTION 2.** The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“Sec. Publication of legal notices.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all governmental agencies scheduling a public hearing shall publish a notice in a newspaper which is printed and issued at least twice weekly in the county affected by the proposed action, to inform the public of the time, place

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and subject matter of such public hearing. This requirement shall prevail whether or not the publication by the governmental agency of a notice of public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation is specifically required by law, and shall be in addition to other procedures required by law.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

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

(Approved June 3, 1972.)

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\*Edited accordingly.