

ACT 145

S.B. NO. 369

A Bill for an Act Relating to Government Records.

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

SECTION 1. In 1988 the legislature enacted the Uniform Information Practices Act (Modified) as Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii 1988, which was codified as chapter 92F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The purpose of Act 262 was to open governmental processes to public scrutiny and participation and, among other things, enhance governmental accountability through a general policy of access to government records. Act 262 contains a definition of “government record” which means information maintained by an agency in written, auditory, visual, electronic, or other physical form. Act 262 also repealed the then existing public records law which contained a definition of “public record”. However, many other references in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to the term “public record” were not similarly changed to “government record”. The purpose of this Act is to make the technical amendments to change existing occurrences of the terms “public record”, “public records”, “public document”, or “public documents” to the new term, “government record” for consistency. This Act does not intend to make any substantive changes to the sections amended.

SECTION 2. Sections 92-29, 94-7, 312-3.5, 346-10(c), 490:9-403(3), 576D-12(c), and 710-1017 are amended by replacing the terms “public record” or “public records” with the terms “government record” or “government records”, or like terms, as the context requires.

SECTION 3. Sections 92-21, 92-26, and 171-6, are amended by replacing the terms “public document”, “public documents”, “public document or record”, or “public documents and records” with the terms “government record” or “government records”, or like terms, as the context requires.

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

(Approved May 22, 1991.)