

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 872

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 55
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.
No. 55, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require all state agencies to make the full text of their rules available on the website of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in a digitally accessible and searchable format that meets or exceeds certain federal standards.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Public First Law Center, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii, Life of the Land, and five individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Your Committee finds that it is critical to increase transparency in agency rulemaking processes across all entities of the State. In order to allow for more public engagement, increasing the availability of administrative rules, which administer many aspects of life for Hawaii residents, it is imperative for the State to designate requisites for the dissemination of governmental information. Due to the significance of administrative rules, your Committee believes that



it is necessary to address the lack of a platform that would make it possible for the public to track proposed changes to any agency's administrative rules. Accordingly, this measure will align the State's commitment to governmental transparency through the creation of a statewide system to increase accessibility for each state agency's rules.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 55, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 55, SD 1	Committee Referral: GVO, JDC	Date: 2/19/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				/
CHANG, Stanley	/			/
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	/			
AWA, Brenton	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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