Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 151 S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 151 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO SPONSOR A SERIES OF PUBLIC POLICY DIALOGS ON OPEN GOVERNMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of Hawaii to sponsor a series of public policy dialogs on open government.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Information Practices, College of Social Sciences Public Policy Center at the University of Hawaii, and The League of Women Voters of Hawaii.

Hawaii's open meetings law under chapter 92, part I, Hawaii Revised Statutes, more commonly known as the Sunshine Law, governs the manner in which state and county boards must conduct their business. The intent of the Sunshine Law statute is to open up the government process as much as possible for public scrutiny and participation. Several board members have complained about some of the Sunshine Law requirements being too stringent, and have suggested that certain types of board business be exempt from the Sunshine Law provisions.

Your Committee finds that a subject of this magnitude of public interest - possibly revising the Sunshine Law - should be

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open to participation by as many pertinent government entities, community groups, and public interest advocates as possible. Your Committee believes that each session of the public policy dialogues should be duly noticed and follow procedures under the Sunshine Law, in order to set an example of open government in action.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting the Public Policy Center of the College of Social Sciences, as the proper entity within the University of Hawaii, to sponsor the dialogs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 151, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 151, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations,

LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*  SCR 151	Committee Referral:		Date:	Date: 4/3/06	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is to:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)					
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ESPERO, Will (VC)					
BAKER, Rosalyn H.					
HEE, Clayton					
KANNO, Brian					
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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