STAND. COM. REP. NO. **584** -12

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1611 H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Legislative Management, to which was referred H.B. No. 1611, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of state and county boards, while encouraging transparency, by:

- (1) Allowing board members to attend:
 - (A) Public gatherings and community events that do not relate to matters over which the board is currently exercising its adjudicatory, advisory, or legislative function, as long as the members do not participate in ex parte communications at the public gathering or community event; and
 - (B) Professional-association conferences and professional-development seminars; provided that the board members file a report; and
- (2) Allowing a public notice of a board meeting to be sent out by e-mail to those persons who request notification of meetings.

Several members of the Maui County Council, the League of Women Voters, and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation testified in support of this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supported the intent of this measure. The Office of Information Practices opposed this measure. Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Adding provisions to ensure that board members meet the requirements for permitted interactions between board members when attending a public gathering, community event, professional-association conference, or professional-development seminar; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstative amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1611, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1611, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Legislative Management,

KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Legislative Management

	e Referral: LMG, FIN	/ Date:	02/	15/12
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) 2 Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LMG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)				
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)				
3. MANAHAN, Joey	V			
4. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (4)	4			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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