## STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 0 5 2015

RE: S.B. No. 652 S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 652 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require a public board to report any final action taken during an executive meeting, provided that such disclosure is not inconsistent with the purpose of convening the executive meeting and confidentiality is maintained.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Information Practices. Your Committee received comments on this measure from The Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest.

Your Committee finds that Sunshine Law does not require a public board to publicly announce a vote or elaborate on any discussion deliberated upon in executive session. However, while some boards voluntarily choose to publicly announce the action taken in executive session, other boards are reluctant to divulge any information about executive sessions. This measure provides an opportunity for members of the public to learn of a board's discussion or final action taken in an executive session within the parameters of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, while also adhering to issues of confidentiality.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



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- (1) Inserting board discussion in addition to final action taken by the board in an executive session; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 652, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 652, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

Chair GILBERT S.C. KEITH



## The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)					
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)					
ESPERO, Will					
GABBARD, Mike					$\checkmark$
IHARA, Jr., Les		レ			
THIELEN, Laura H.		/			
SLOM, Sam		-			$\checkmark$
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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