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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the sunshine law  
2 protects the public's interest by requiring state and county  
3 boards to conduct their business in meetings open to the public.  
4 Open meetings allow for public participation and scrutiny and  
5 ensure that the formation and approval of public policy is  
6 completed as transparently as possible. However, a limited  
7 exemption from the sunshine law is necessary to permit a  
8 majority of board members to discuss internal organizational  
9 decisions such as when a council, commission, or board is  
10 reorganizing after an election or other infusion of new members.  
11 The legislature further finds that the integrity of the current  
12 sunshine law will remain intact as a public discussion and  
13 public vote will still be required on public policy matters over  
14 which the board has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or  
15 advisory power.



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

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S.B. NO. 1209

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# S.B. NO. 1209

**Report Title:**

Public Agency and Meetings; Permitted Interactions of Members

**Description:**

Removes the limit on the number of board members allowed to have private discussions regarding the selection of the board's officers.

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