
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMUNITY MEETINGS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that informational
2 meetings and presentations open to the public provide an
3 opportunity for individuals who have an interest to attend and
4 learn more about the subject matter being discussed. The
5 State's sunshine law currently limits the number of attendees at
6 these meetings and presentations, which may prevent county
7 council members, who wish to participate in their individual
8 capacity, from attending.

9 The purpose of this Act is to specify that the limit on the
10 number of attendees at an informational meeting or presentation
11 that is open to the public on matters relating to official board
12 business does not apply to members of a county council.

13 SECTION 2. Section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

15 "(e) Two or more members of a board, but less than the
16 number of members which would constitute a quorum for the board,
17 may attend an informational meeting or presentation on matters



1 relating to official board business, including a meeting of
 2 another entity, legislative hearing, convention, seminar, or
 3 community meeting; provided that the meeting or presentation is
 4 open to the public and is not specifically and exclusively
 5 organized for or directed toward members of the board. The
 6 board members in attendance may participate in discussions,
 7 including discussions among themselves; provided that the
 8 discussions occur during and as part of the informational
 9 meeting or presentation; and provided further that no commitment
 10 relating to a vote on the matter is made or sought.

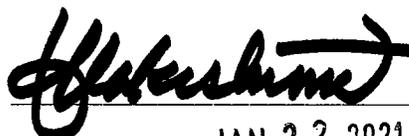
11 At the next duly noticed meeting of the board, the board
 12 members shall report their attendance and the matters presented
 13 and discussed that related to official board business at the
 14 informational meeting or presentation.

15 Notwithstanding section 92-3.1, the limit on the number of
 16 attendees for meetings described in this section shall not apply
 17 to members of a county council."

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Open Meetings; Sunshine Law; Permitted Interactions; County Councils

Description:

Specifies that the limit on the number of attendees at an informational meeting or presentation that is open to the public on matters relating to official board business does not apply to members of a county council.

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