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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT.

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 the
3 opportunity for individuals who have an interest to attend and
4 learn more about the subject matter being discussed. However,
5 there is currently limited flexibility, pursuant to section
6 92-3.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that allows a member of a
7 public agency board to attend such meetings and presentations as
8 an individual with a similar private interest.

9 The purpose of this Act is to allow any number of members
10 of a board to attend an informational meeting or presentation on
11 matters relating to official board business and conduct private
12 meetings with legislators without needing to provide public
13 notice or meet other public meeting requirements.

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

16 "(e) ~~[Two or more]~~ Any number of members of a board~~[, but~~
17 ~~less than the number of members which would constitute a quorum~~



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

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

16 (f) Discussions between the governor and one or more
17 members of a board, or between legislators and one or more
18 members of a board, may be conducted in private without
19 limitation or subsequent reporting; provided that the discussion
20 does not relate to a matter over which a board is exercising its
21 adjudicatory function."



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1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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S.B. NO. 592

Report Title:

Open Meetings; Sunshine Law; Permitted Interactions; Board Members

Description:

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