
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide
2 government agencies the option to publish notice via a posting
3 on their official website, in lieu of or in addition to
4 publication in daily or weekly publication such as a printed
5 newspaper. Electronic posting is more expedient and
6 cost-effective, particularly for routine but time-sensitive
7 situations such as postings of clean water environmental hazard
8 advisories, as well as in more urgent conditions such as
9 disaster-related response and recovery activities.

10 The legislature affirms that under general rules of
11 statutory construction, where two statutes conflict, the more
12 specific statute is followed. As a result, since
13 section 1-28.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is a general statute,
14 this Act is not intended to supersede procedures that, for
15 example, assure transparency in public administration such as
16 chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, "Administration



Procedures," and chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, "Public Agency Meetings and Records."

SECTION 2. Section 1-28.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) Notwithstanding any other statute, law, charter provision, ordinance, or rule to the contrary, whenever a government agency is required to give public notice or to publish notice, the notice shall be given only as follows:

(1) For statewide publication:

(A) In a daily or weekly publication of statewide circulation; or

(B) By publication in separate daily or weekly publications whose combined circulation is statewide; ~~and~~

(2) For county-wide publication, by publication in a daily or weekly publication in the affected county[~~-~~

~~Additional supplemental notice may also be given through Hawaii FYI, the State's interactive computer system.]; or~~

(3) For either statewide or county publication, as applicable, by posting on an electronic calendar on an



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1 official website for legal notices maintained by the
2 State or the appropriate county."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

City and County of Honolulu Mayor's Package; Public Notices;
Publication

Description:

Allows government agencies to publish public notices on an
official website as an alternative to a newspaper.

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