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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



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

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

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

9 (1) For statewide publication:

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

12 (B) By publication in separate daily or weekly
13 publications whose combined circulation is
14 statewide; [and]

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

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

19 (3) For either statewide or county publication, as
20 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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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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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