STAND. COM. REP. NO.



, 2021

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 481

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 481 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMAL MEETINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify Hawaii's open meetings law by:

- (1) Providing that informational meetings and presentations on matters relating to official board business that are attended by a limited number of board members must be open to the public; and
- (2) Exempting members of a county council from the limitation on the number of board members that may attend an informational meeting or presentation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from a Councilmember of the Maui County Council and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Information Practices, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, and Society of Professional Journalists Hawaii Chapter. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Common Cause Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure is intended to clarify Hawaii's open meetings law to allow county councilmembers to be better informed about the issues affecting their constituents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 481, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 481, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 481	Committee Referral: JHA, FIN	Date	2-1-21	
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: θ Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)				
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)				
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda			<u> </u>	
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.				***** *******************************
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7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
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10. TODD, Chris	/			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
12. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (12)	10	×	Ť	1
The recommendation is: Adopted θ Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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