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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 12 OF THE HAWAII  
CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THE CHAIR OF A COMMITTEE OF THE  
LEGISLATURE TO SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING EVERY BILL ASSIGNED  
TO THE COMMITTEE.

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

1       SECTION 1. Article III, section 12, of the Constitution of  
2 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

3               **"ORGANIZATION; DISCIPLINE; RULES; PROCEDURE**

4       **Section 12.** Each house shall be the judge of the  
5 elections, returns and qualifications of its own members and  
6 shall have, for misconduct, disorderly behavior or neglect of  
7 duty of any member, power to punish such member by censure or,  
8 upon a two-thirds vote of all the members to which such house is  
9 entitled, by suspension or expulsion of such member. Each house  
10 shall choose its own officers, determine the rules of its  
11 proceedings and keep a journal. The ayes and noes of the  
12 members on any question shall, at the desire of one-fifth of the  
13 members present, be entered upon the journal.

14       Twenty days after a bill has been referred to a committee  
15 in either house, the bill may be recalled from such committee by



1 the affirmative vote of one-third of the members to which such  
2 house is entitled.

3 The chair of a committee shall set for public hearing every  
4 bill assigned to the committee.

5 Every meeting of a committee in either house or of a  
6 committee comprised of a member or members from both houses held  
7 for the purpose of making decision on matters referred to the  
8 committee shall be open to the public.

9 By rule of its proceedings, applicable to both houses, each  
10 house shall provide for the date by which all bills to be  
11 considered in a regular session shall be introduced."

12 SECTION 2. The question to be printed on the ballot shall  
13 be as follows:

14 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended  
15 to require the chair of a committee to set for public  
16 hearing every bill assigned to the committee?"

17 SECTION 3. New constitutional material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This amendment shall take effect upon  
2 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of  
3 the State of Hawaii.

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**Report Title:**

Legislature; Committee; Public Hearing; Constitutional Amendment

**Description:**

Proposes an amendment to the state constitution to require the chair of a committee of the Legislature to set for public hearing every bill assigned to the committee.

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