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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOARD PACKETS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 92-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "**§92-7.5 Board packet; filing; public inspection; notice.**  
4 At the time the board packet is distributed to the board  
5 members, but no later than [~~forty-eight hours~~] two business days  
6 before the meeting [~~time~~], the board shall also make the board  
7 packet available for public inspection in the board's office;  
8 provided that nothing in this section shall require creation of  
9 a board packet [-]; provided further that nothing in this section  
10 shall prohibit the distribution of public testimony to board  
11 members within two business days before the meeting. The board  
12 shall provide notice to persons requesting notification of  
13 meetings pursuant to section 92-7(e) that the board packet is  
14 available for inspection in the board's office and shall provide  
15 reasonably prompt access to the board packet to any person upon  
16 request. The board is not required to mail board packets. As



1 soon as practicable, the board shall accommodate requests for  
2 electronic access to the board packet.

3 For purposes of this section, "board packet" means  
4 documents that are compiled by the board and distributed to  
5 board members before a meeting for use at that meeting, to the  
6 extent the documents are public under chapter 92F; provided that  
7 this section shall not require disclosure of executive session  
8 minutes, license applications, or other records for which the  
9 board cannot reasonably complete its redaction of nonpublic  
10 information in the time available before the public inspection  
11 required by this section."

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 



# S.B. NO. 2678

**Report Title:**

Board Packets; Public Inspection; Timeframe; Public Testimony

**Description:**

Requires boards to make available for public inspection board packets, if created, at the time the board packet is distributed to the board members but no later than two business days before the meeting. Carves out an exception by allowing public testimony to be distributed to board members within two business days before the meeting.

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