Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 ' 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1600

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1600 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that board meetings to discuss and act on investigative group's report must occur at least six days after the meeting at which the results of the group's investigation were presented to the board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Information Practices; Public First Law Center; and League of Women Voters of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that in some instances, boards have scheduled back-to-back meetings, first for the investigative group to report to the board, and second for the board to act on the report. This measure would require that a board shall only schedule a meeting for deliberation and decision-making on a report by an investigative group six days after the investigative group presented the report of its findings and recommendations to the board.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 1600, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1600, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 600	Committee Referral:	Date:	2-23.26	ł
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)				
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)				
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.				
4. GANADEN, Sonny				
5. HOLT, Daniel				
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda				
7. ILAGAN, Greggor				
8. KONG, Sam Satoru				
9. MIYAKE, Tyson K.				
10. SOUZA, Kanani				
TOTAL (10)	8	-	- :	2
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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