

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 419
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 419, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to allow neighborhood board members to attend meetings or presentations located on Oahu without violating the Sunshine Law, under certain conditions.

Your Committee on Conference finds that there have been widespread complaints regarding the inability of neighborhood board members to attend informational events due to the Sunshine Law. Under section 92-82, Hawaii Revised Statutes, if at least a number that constitutes a quorum of neighborhood board members attends any meetings or presentations open to the public, those members in attendance may be in violation of the Sunshine Law. Implementation of this measure will allow neighborhood board members to attend



meetings or presentations without violating the Sunshine Law, under certain conditions, and increase communication between neighborhood board members and constituents.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by removing language that:

- (1) Restricts neighborhood board members who attend meetings or presentations pursuant to this measure from further discussing any board business; and
- (2) Requires neighborhood board members to report their attendance and the matters presented that related to official board business at the meeting or presentation at the next duly noticed meeting of the neighborhood board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 419, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 419, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

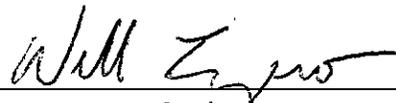
Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



KARL RHOADS, Chair



WILL ESPERO, Chair



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Co-Chair



