

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **685**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 419
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 419, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Neighborhood Commission Office, City and County of
Honolulu; Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board; Waikiki Neighborhood
Board; and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from the League of Women Voters of
Hawaii, The Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, and
four individuals.

Your Committee 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 (HRS), 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.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing the language under section 92-82(a), HRS, to avoid redundancy with the new language proposed under that subsection; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN Chair



