

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2162

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2691  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2691 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow boards to file a copy of the notice of public meetings with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or appropriate county clerk's office via electronic mail.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority, and Common Cause Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices.

Your Committee finds that email is a common form of communication that is expedient and efficient and is widely used by public agencies and boards throughout the State. Allowing boards to provide required notice of public meetings via email will increase efficiency by reducing administrative costs.

Your Committee has heard testimony expressing concerns that the Lieutenant Governor's office has no publicly verifiable system



or timestamp to notify the public when it has received electronic notice of public meetings.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing "filed with" and "filed" with "provided to" and "provided" where those terms appear in the new statutory language for consistency; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2035, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2691, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2691, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*<br><b>SB 2691</b>  | Committee Referral:<br><b>JDC</b> | Date:<br><b>2/2/18</b> |          |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____  |                                   |                        |          |          |
| The Recommendation is:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         |                                   |                        |          |          |
| Members  | Aye                               | Aye (WR)               | Nay      | Excused  |
| TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)  | ✓                                 |                        |          |          |
| RHOADS, Karl (VC)  | ✓                                 |                        |          |          |
| GABBARD, Mike  |                                   |                        |          | ✓        |
| KIM, Donna Mercado   | ✓                                 |                        |          |          |
| THIELEN, Laura H.  | ✓                                 |                        |          |          |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |                                   |                        |          |          |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>  |                                   |                        |          |          |
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