

**SB 2691**

**SD-1**

**RELATING TO  
BOARD MEETINGS**

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOARD MEETINGS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 92-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:  
3           "(b) No less than six calendar days prior to the meeting,  
4 the board shall post the notice on an electronic calendar on a  
5 website maintained by the State or the appropriate county and in  
6 the board's office for public inspection. The notice shall also  
7 be posted at the site of the meeting whenever feasible. The  
8 board shall provide a copy of the notice to the office of the  
9 lieutenant governor or the appropriate county clerk's office at  
10 the time the notice is posted, and the office of the lieutenant  
11 governor or the appropriate clerk's office shall post paper or  
12 electronic copies of all meeting notices in a central location  
13 in a public building; provided that a failure to do so by the  
14 board, the office of the lieutenant governor, or the appropriate  
15 county clerk's office shall not require cancellation of the  
16 meeting. The copy of the notice to be provided to the office of  
17 the lieutenant governor or the appropriate county clerk's office



1 may be provided via electronic mail to an electronic mail  
2 address designated by the office of the lieutenant governor or  
3 the appropriate county clerk's office, as applicable."

4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2035.

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**Report Title:**

State Agencies; Boards; Public Meetings; Copy of Notice;  
Electronic Mail

**Description:**

Allows boards to provide a copy of the notice of public meetings to the office of the lieutenant governor or appropriate county clerk's office via electronic mail. Effective 7/1/2035. (SD1)

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**TESTIMONY**

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To: The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018  
Time: 9:15 A.M.  
Place: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director  
Department of Taxation

Re: S.B. 2691, S.D. 1, Relating to Board Meetings

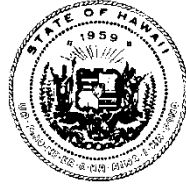
The Department of Taxation (Department) supports S.B. 2691, S.D. 1, and offers the following comments for your consideration.

S.B. 2691, S.D. 1, allows state boards to provide a copy of their meeting notices with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office via electronic mail to an electronic mail address designated by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office. The bill has a defective effective date of July 1, 2035.

The Department notes that it provides administrative support to the Council on Revenues (COR), Tax Review Commission (TRC), and Board of Taxation Review. The electronic filing of meeting notices will promote efficiency.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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Statement of  
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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

**Thursday, March 22, 2018**  
**9:15 AM**  
**Room 309, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of  
**SB 2691, SD1**  
**RELATING TO BOARD MEETINGS**

Honorable Chair Johanson and Members of the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Bill 2691, SD1, relating to board meetings.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) is in **support** of SB 2691, SD1, which allows 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.

With the advances in technology, it is in the best interest of State departments and agencies to be granted leeway when filing its notice of public meetings with the lieutenant governor. The HPHA supports the opportunity to file notice of public board meetings via electronic mail.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment with the HPHA's comments regarding SB 2691, SD1. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.



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Written Statement of  
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**House Committee on Labor & Public Employment**  
Thursday, March 22, 2018  
9:15 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of  
**SB2691, SD1**  
**RELATING TO BOARD MEETINGS**

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Holt, and Members of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** SB2691, SD1 that allows 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.

HTDC appreciates and supports efforts to make government more efficient through the use of technology.

We respectfully request correction of the defective effective date. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



# OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES

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Date: March 22, 2018, 9:15 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Re: Testimony on S.B. No. 2691, S.D. 1  
Relating to Board Meetings

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which would allow boards to provide meeting notices via an electronic mail address designated by the Lieutenant Governor or a County Clerk. The Office of Information Practices (“OIP”) takes no position on this bill, which would not substantively change the law as OIP understands it.

OIP has previously opined (in OIP Opinion Letter Number 06-06) that a meeting notice may be filed in whatever manner is set by the Lieutenant Governor’s office or a County Clerk’s office. OIP therefore would interpret the language of the new section 92-7 (effective July 1) as **allowing** a board to provide its notice to one of those offices by e-mail, so long as the office in question has designated an e-mail address as an acceptable way to provide a notice. **This measure would not require those offices to designate an e-mail address to accept notices, but would only allow a board to provide them via an e-mail address designated by the relevant office. Thus, OIP does not see this measure as changing the law,** since it still leaves it up to each County Clerk or

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the Lieutenant Governor whether to designate an e-mail address for accepting notices. **OIP has no objection** to this bill, which would clarify this point.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



# NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

*An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism*



Statement of  
**Gregory P. Barbour**  
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Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority  
before the

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

Thursday, March 22, 2018  
9:15 am  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

in consideration of

### **SB 2691 SD1 RELATING TO BOARD MEETINGS.**

The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) strongly supports SB 2691 SD 1 which would 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.

Submitting notice of public meetings with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor via electronic mail will substantially increase efficiency in our agency through cost savings.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2018 10:23:51 AM

Testimony for LAB on 3/22/2018 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments:

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