



# SB2121

Measure Title:	RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS AND RECORDS.
Report Title:	HSAC Package; Public Meetings; Sunshine Law; County Council Members
Description:	Permits members of a county council to jointly attend and speak at a community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation; provided the meeting or presentation is open to the public.
Companion:	<a href="#">HB1644</a>
Package:	Hawaii State Association of Counties
Current Referral:	PSM/JDL
Introducer(s):	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)

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To: Senate Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental  
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From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: February 23, 2016, 1:15 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Re: Testimony on S.B. No. 2121  
Relating to Public Agency Meetings and Records

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which would allow all members of a county council to jointly attend community meetings or presentations. The Office of Information Practices ("OIP") **opposes this bill. The new guest meeting provision signed into law in 2014 already allows all members of a county council to jointly attend community meetings while continuing to protect the public interest through limited meeting safeguards, which this proposal would essentially strip away and render moot.**

In 2014, county council members expressed concerns that the Sunshine Law did not provide them a workable method to attend community meetings or presentations that any number of council members might want to attend and at which a variety of board topics might be raised, and where it would not be practical to follow a set agenda or take public testimony. Consequently, the Legislature passed H.B. 2139, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, which signed into law as Act 221, SLH 2014, and created a new type of limited meeting in section 92-3.1, HRS, that allows

any number of county council members to attend a meeting open to the public as the guest of a board or community group. Under this guest meeting provision, the council's notice of the limited meeting is not required to include an agenda, and unless the hosting community group is itself a Sunshine Law board, there is no requirement to take oral testimony at the meeting. **The Legislature included safeguards** such as the requirement that no limited meeting of this sort be held outside Hawaii, that only one such meeting per community group per month be held, and that no decisions be made at the meeting. In addition, the videotaping requirement applicable to all limited meetings applies to guest meetings as well, unless waived by OIP. **The Legislature included a sunset date of June 30, 2016**, for the guest meeting provision.

**The permitted interaction proposed by this bill would effectively render the guest meeting safeguards moot by allowing any number of county council members to attend a community meeting without the oversight that the Legislature built into Act 221 in 2014.** To date, only one county council has utilized the guest meeting provision. OIP respectfully suggests that before considering alternative approaches, the Legislature could simply extend the sunset date to give the county councils more time to use the guest meeting provision. **Thus, OIP recommends that this Committee hold this bill or, alternatively, replace its contents with an amendment to section 92-3.1 to extend Act 221's sunset period beyond June 30, 2016.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TO: The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Michael P. Victorino  
HSAC President

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2016; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2121, RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS AND RECORDS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Hawaii State Association of Counties in **support** of this measure. The purpose of this measure is to permit members of a county council to jointly attend and speak at a community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation, provided the meeting or presentation is open to the public.

HSAC supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. This measure would enhance councilmembers' ability to engage with the public and be informed about issues facing their county. This capability is particularly important in Maui County and Kauai County, where councilmembers are elected at large and represent all county residents.
2. Councilmembers must be informed and able to weigh impacts of policy decisions on areas throughout the county. For this reason, all councilmembers have a valid interest in attending community group meetings throughout their county. Compliance with State law has required councilmembers to leave or decline invitations to community meetings.
3. Attending these public meetings will not jeopardize openness in government because councilmembers do not have control over agendas, discussions, or outcomes of meetings conducted by non-councilmembers. To the contrary, open participation in such meetings by elected officials will increase transparency and help to ensure responsiveness of councilmembers to the public they serve.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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February 19, 2016

**TESTIMONY OF KIPUKAI KUALI'I  
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON**

**SB 2121, RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS AND RECORDS**  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016  
1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Nishihara, Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2121, Relating to Pubic Agency Meetings and Records. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council, Chair of the Kaua'i County Council Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and member of the National Association of Counties Board of Directors.

This measure is included in the 2016 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package. I support this measure which would permit members of a county council to jointly attend and speak at a community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation; provided the meeting or presentation is open to the public.

For the reasons stated above, I urge the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

**KIPUKAI KUALI'I**  
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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**TESTIMONY OF MEL RAPOZO  
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ON**

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Dear Chair Nishihara, Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2121, Relating to Pubic Agency Meetings and Records. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as Chair of the Kaua'i County Council and as Secretary of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties.

This measure is included in the 2016 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package. This measure would permit members of a county council to jointly attend and speak at a community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation; provided the meeting or presentation is open to the public. Being able to receive information firsthand and to be able to ask questions of those providing the information is vital for a Councilmember's to make informed decisions that affect the community.

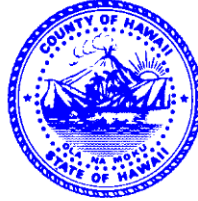
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Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT** OF SENATE BILL NO. 2121

A BILL FOR AN ACT  
RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS AND RECORDS  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL,  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
AND  
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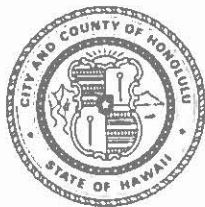
Honorable Chair Clarence K. Nishihara,  
And Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs

Honorable Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran,  
And Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of SB 2121,  
relating to public agency meetings and records.

I strongly agree with the purpose of this bill which will allow two or more county council members to jointly attend and speak at a community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation that are open to the public, such as a legislative hearing, convention, seminar, conference or community meeting.

This bill is included in the 2016 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package, and I also submit this testimony as Vice-President of HSAC. Please recommend approval of this bill. Thank you.



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February 22, 2016

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 221  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: Testimony in Support of SB 2121, Relating to Public Agency Meetings and Records**

Dear Chair Nishihara, Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 2121 (SB 2121), Relating to Public Agency Meetings and Records. The purpose of this measure is to allow two or more county councilmembers to jointly attend and speak at a community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation; provided that the meeting or presentation is open to the public.

To my knowledge the Honolulu City Council has not had an opportunity arisen in which a formal position could be taken on this measure, nor am I able to attend this legislative hearing as I cannot inquire as to how many of my colleagues at the Honolulu City Council will be in attendance, nor am I able to spontaneously attend this legislative hearing in the event that more than a quorum of my Honolulu City Council colleagues decide to appear to provide oral testimony — as each of the above scenarios could potentially be construed as a violation of *Section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes* (HRS, 2014). Therefore, I am providing this written testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Honolulu City Council.

As elected officials in a county council, it is our job to listen and understand our constituents' viewpoints regarding policy, community, and social issues; and to become educated on those issues, so we may make appropriate legislative decisions on behalf of our constituencies. The provisions of Section 92-2.5, HRS make it exceedingly difficult for me, and my county council colleagues, to attend public meetings and informational briefings to listen to my constituents and other area legislators, when I must be constantly weighing and evaluating whether I or another councilmember may unintentionally violate Sunshine Law provisions if three Honolulu Councilmembers attend the same forum.

As you can imagine, today's tough issues require even greater collaboration and partnership between various levels of government and the broader community. For example, although homelessness and the shortage of affordable housing affects all communities on Oahu, my colleagues and I cannot attend major conferences or participate in Homeless Solutions or



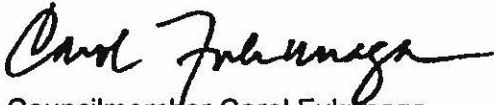
Affordable/Low Income Housing forums unless we establish a Permitted Interaction Group in advance (requiring adoption of a resolution and public hearings). This often means that we are slower to act on issues of major concern because we do not have the same information or have not benefitted from interactions with particular constituencies and stakeholder groups.

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My goal is to facilitate the sharing/access to information and individuals so that county councilmembers can make the best decisions regarding issues important to the public that we serve, in the most efficient and transparent manner possible. I believe that this measure will increase communication between county councilmembers and our respective constituencies, while providing public protection against inadequately-noticed county councilmember discussions in which the public may be concerned, interested, or affected.

For the above mentioned reasons, I respectfully urge you to support SB 2121 and consider its adoption. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Fukunaga", with a stylized, flowing script.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga  
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Joint Hearing Scheduled 1:15 pm Tuesday, February 23, 2016, Conference Room 229  
SB 2121 RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS AND RECORDS  
TESTIMONY

Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chairs Nishihara and Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chairs Espero and Shimabukuro, and Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly opposes SB 2121** which would allow a council quorum, or even all council members, to “jointly attend and speak” at any “community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation” which is “open to the public”. SB 2121 would also exempt a council quorum attending such an event from Sunshine Law requirements which apply to council meetings.

The Sunshine Law ensures that county councils conduct the public’s business in public. The law guarantees the public both advance notice and the opportunity to listen to all discussions and decisions by a county council quorum. In 2014 the Legislature enacted temporary experimental Sunshine Law amendments which will “sunset” on June 30, 2016. Temporary 2014 amendments (which have been ignored by all four councils) authorize a county council quorum to hold a “limited meeting ... as the guest of a board or community group holding its own meeting...”, provided that the council posts advance public notice, the public can attend the meeting without paying an admission fee or traveling out-of-state, no council voting commitments are made, and council minutes are prepared. These reasonable provisos recognize that private interests seeking county land use approvals, private businesses seeking county contracts, and ad hoc “NIMBY” groups commonly host meetings and presentations for the purpose of advocating for or against special interest projects.

SB 2121 would exempt council quorums that attended a “community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation” from Sunshine Law requirements which apply to council meetings. Under SB 2121, when a council quorum attended a “community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation”, no advance public notice of council attendance would be required, no council minutes would be prepared, and the public would not have the right to submit oral testimony to the council. Under SB 2121, a “meeting or presentation” which is “open to the public” could include events which charge admission, events which take place on the mainland or a foreign country, multi-day events which include both educational and recreational activities, and events which are organized by private special interests to influence council decisions. SB 2121 would even allow a council quorum to attend an “informational” event at Disneyland.

Under SB 2121, when a private “entity” which wished to influence council decisions invited the council to attend an “informational” presentation, SB 2121 would authorize a council quorum to “jointly attend and speak” with that private “entity” about pending council matters. And under SB 2121, while attending any “community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation”, a council quorum (or even all council members) would be allowed to “jointly attend and speak” to each other about their concerns with and about how to vote on all pending council matters. Basically the Sunshine Law would be “neutered”.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
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**RE: Testimony Opposing S.B. 2121,  
Relating to Public Agency Meetings and Records**  
Hearing: February 23, 2016 at 1:15 p.m.

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committees:

My name is Brian Black. I am the Executive Director of the Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, a nonprofit organization whose primary mission concerns solutions that promote government transparency. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2121. The Law Center **strongly opposes** this bill.

In 2012, Act 177 allowed less than a quorum of a Sunshine board to attend and participate in an outside meeting, subject to certain conditions codified at HRS § 92-2.5(e). In 2014, H.B. 2139 was introduced in a form identical to the current S.B. 2121. Based on testimony in opposition, however, the Legislature carefully balanced public concerns about “the potential for abuse of the public’s right to know and participate in the policy making process” to enact a compromise. 2014 Haw. Sess. Laws Act 221. This special compromise for county councils sunsets on June 30.

But S.B. 2121 does not seek to renew the compromise. Compared to Act 221, S.B. 2121 is unbalanced legislation that provides no meaningful protection for the public. The public will have no notice that the county council will be attending a meeting, no right to participate in the discussion through testimony, and no record of the proceedings. S.B. 2121 even would permit county council to conduct deliberations and decision-making on board business. *This bill – in effect – asks the Legislature for an outright exemption from the Sunshine Law for county councils.*

We now have almost 2 years of experience under Act 221. If that compromise legislation did not meet the needs of county councils, the councils should be able to specify incidents in which the council members wished to attend an event, but were barred from doing so under Act 221.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
February 23, 2016  
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If the Committees will recommend passing S.B. 2121, the Law Center respectfully suggests a **sunset provision and a requirement that county councils report annually to the Legislature on the use of the exception.** Reports will provide public accountability and indicate whether reenacting the exception is justified. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.



Senate Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Committee  
Chair Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair Will Espero

Senate Judiciary + Labor Committee  
Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro

Tuesday 02/23/2016 at 1:15 PM in Room 229  
SB 2121 – Relating to Public Agency Meetings and Records

TESTIMONY

Carmille Lim, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

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Dear Chairs Nishihara and Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairs Espero and Shimabukuro, and members of the Committees:

**Common Cause strongly opposes SB 2121.** This bill creates a loophole in Hawaii's Sunshine Laws, which are meant to promote transparency and openness in our state.

SB 2121 would allow "members of a county council to jointly attend and speak at certain community meetings or presentations; provided that the meetings or presentation is "open to the public."

However, SB 2121 broadens existing sunshine law to allow council quorum to attend "informational meetings" or "presentations" WITHOUT requiring:

- Public notice (of which council members are attending);
- Minutes;
- Written or oral testimony from the public.

Further, these descriptions within SB 2121— "informal meeting or presentation of another entity" which is "open to the public" — is overly broad. For example: meetings or events held on the mainland or require an entrance fee would be included in this.

Hawaii's sunshine laws act as a safeguard, and are in place to 1) prevent private discussions among council members and the organizations that represent issues which council members vote on and 2) prevent council members' decisions on "official" issues without public input and public notice.

In 2014, the Hawaii State Legislature already passed HB2139 (Act 221), which authorizes a limited meeting where any number of county council members may attend a board's or community group's meeting to discuss council business, if certain requirements are met.

Act 221 already broadened Hawaii's sunshine laws. SB 2121 will weaken our sunshine laws even further.

**For this reason we urge you to defer SB 2121.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony opposing SB 2121.**

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**SB2121**

Submitted on: 2/20/2016

Testimony for PSM/JDL on Feb 23, 2016 13:15PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
Hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 229  
SB 2121 RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS AND RECORDS  
TESTIMONY FROM SUSAN DURSIN, INDIVIDUAL

Chairs Sen. Nishihara and Sen. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chairs Sen. Espero and Sen. Shimabukuro  
and Committee Members:

I am testifying in opposition to SB2121, which would exempt members of county councils from restrictions laid out in HRS, Chapter 92, Section 2.5. The present law has worked reasonably well. While council members may feel a bit restricted, the value of the law lies in protecting the public's right to follow discussion and decision making that is open and accessible.

There is no need for change because the law already allows considerable latitude. Two or more members of the council but fewer than a quorum may attend the same gathering. Those members report what they have learned to the entire council. In fact, county councils need not go beyond their regular meeting format to gather data. They may request presentations from anyone at any time.

If a majority of members attend a meeting, they may feel there is no need for a detailed report since most of their companions already have the information. Thus, the public will not hear the details of that meeting and cannot assess what influences the meeting may have had on council members.

It is possible that more than a quorum of members attending a meeting might come to a tacit agreement, the course of which would not be apparent to the public.

SB2121 does not define "public meeting." No specific advance notice is required, no stipulation of how widely the meeting is advertised, and certainly nothing about an agenda. Members of the public who are interested in watching their council at work and understanding how and why decisions are made cannot possibly attend every meeting at which a majority of the council members might appear, especially as there is no requirement that council members announce their intent to attend.

I believe that transparency in government is a requisite for public trust. Because it is natural for people to pay close attention to their local government and the issues that affect them most directly, transparency at the local level is key to making government work.

Please do not support SB2121.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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**SB2121**

Submitted on: 2/22/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Theodora Akau Gaspar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/23/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerri Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: OPPOSE! Members of a county council can already jointly attend and speak at a community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation; provided the meeting DOES NOT DISCUSS ANY BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE COUNCIL. That's why we are able to swear in all the new Council at the same ceremony and things like that. Specifying that the "presentation is open to the public" is no guarantee that any members of the public can actually attend, especially if there is no proper notice and the meetings are held in secluded locations, like a hotel room full of lobbyists on Kauai. I strongly oppose this bill. Please kill it and don't introduce it again next year. Again.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katarina Culina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, Please oppose SB2121. Members of a county council can already jointly attend and speak at a community, educational, or informational meeting or presentation; provided the meeting DOES NOT DISCUSS ANY BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE COUNCIL. That's why we are able to swear in all the new Council at the same ceremony and things like that. Specifying that the "presentation is open to the public" is no guarantee that any members of the public can actually attend, especially if there is no proper notice and the meetings are held in secluded locations, like a hotel room full of lobbyists on Kauai. I strongly oppose this bill. Please kill it and don't introduce it again next year. Again. Mahalo, Katarina Culina  
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