

Conf. Com. Rep. 18-84 on H.B. No. 1311

The purpose of this bill is to amend Section 92-7 (b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, by expanding the seventy-two hour public notice filing and posting requirement for meetings of public agencies.

According to testimony previously received by your Committee, the current seventy-two hour requirement is not sufficient for the public to be made aware of forthcoming public hearings. Further, an extension of time beyond the present requirement would be of great assistance to individual citizens and community groups and associations in the preparation for public hearings.

Your Committee has amended this bill by deleting the amendment made to Section 37-111(c) which would provide for closed meetings of the Council on Revenues and for the nondisclosure of confidential tax information. In its place, your Committee has reinserted the amendment requiring six calendar days for the filing of notice

of public meetings in lieu of the seventy-two hour requirement currently in Section 92-7(b). In addition, the phrase "in the manner provided herein" in lines 11 and 12 on page one of the bill has been deleted.

Your Committee is in agreement that the above-described amendments which doubles the current time required for filing of hearing notices are consistent with the original bill.

Your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1311, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1311, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Representatives Albano, Grauly, Hayes, Honda, Nakasato, Wong and Anderson,
Managers on the part of the House.

Senators Kawasaki, Hagino and George,
Managers on the part of the Senate.