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The following is what I submitted for the Civil Beat editorial. It is in response to Director Park's and the department of OIP attempt to deprive, once again, the citizens of Hawaii a right to open government. Instead of supporting the federal Freedom of Information Act, OIP has become a creation that ensures our citizens are kept in the dark about what state and city government does behind its closed doors. The Hawaii Court has presented its interpretation, explained it, pointed out OIP's misinterpretation of a privilege that doesn't exist, and ruled against OIP. But, Park, OIP, and the actual powers that be that direct Park (Hmm? Governor Ige?) want to present another interpretation? Give it a rest, already.

Interesting rephrasing of the public's right to know by calling it "...the glare of publicity". Makes it sound like the information shared for public scrutiny would reek with sensationalism and interfere with a government process. This desperate attempt to maintain the status quo of the previous misinterpretation of their "deliberative process privilege" is offensive to the people of our government, us, the taxpayer, the voter, the people that pay for responsible leadership. Director Park's efforts do not reflect a support of what we expect from our officials. Promoting a bill that undermines our need to know clearly states an adversarial stance against good government...for the people.

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