



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

BOARD OF REGENTS

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by

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S.R. No. 134, Proposed S.D.1 – URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO FOLLOW AND ABIDE BY THE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR ITS MEETINGS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 92, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

The Office of the Board of Regents (Board Office) offers the following comments on the objectives of this resolution. The Board of Regents already abides by the public notice requirements for meetings pursuant to Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

The Board Office follows the public meeting notice requirements prescribed under section 92-7, HRS, which requires notice to be posted on the State's electronic calendar and that notice be provided to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor no less than six calendar days prior to the meeting. The processes that the Board Office employs pushes the University Administration to provide all materials and settle agenda items in time so that the agendas can be published and materials can be made publicly available early enough to at least meet the six calendar days requirement.

In addition, while the recommendation to record more detailed minutes of meetings is laudable, the minutes of all Board of Regents meetings and committee meetings conform to the standards under section 92-9, HRS. The minutes of the committees and full board are already quite detailed and present discussions, questions, answers, and topic summary that are in greater depth than the statute requires. As a matter of illustration, the average length of minutes for Board of Regents meetings held over the past year are between 13-15 pages long.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.