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SB 2111 – RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICES

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2111. This bill would provide government agencies the option to publish public notices on an official website as an alternative to a newspaper.

The University supports SB 2111 as it will make the public notification process for certain notices more effective and efficient. We have found that the number of newspaper subscriptions have decreased in recent years, thereby reducing our reach for public notices. Alternatively, more citizens tend to rely on online news sources for information which makes publishing public notices more challenging to ensure that they are seen by readers. The University also already publishes its public notices for administrative rules, bond transactions, Board of Regents meetings, and committees on various websites beyond what is currently required by state statute in order to ensure that it is more broadly advertised.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.