

GET Committee

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Aloha Chair Molina and Committee Members,

Please accept this testimony in strong support of the proposed bill to establish a clear process to remove a board or commission member due to extensive absences.

We regularly face quorum challenges with our boards and commissions, particularly the Hana Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission, which canceled its January 16 meeting the day before due to lack of quorum. Fortunately, this was done one day in advance so that the public, our staff and applicants were given some notice. However, this was the second occasion that one applicant had their public hearing canceled due to the HAC's loss of quorum -- so that the applicant and the department will need to do our public notifications (certified mailings to surrounding property owners, and publication in the newspaper) for a third time when it is scheduled again.

Having a mechanism to remove chronically absent members will assist in our boards and commissions being fully functional.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Michele.

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