

GET Committee

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I understand and agree with Mr. Williams. We need people to attend their meetings. Most do, but we always have a few that cause challenges.

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>>> Michael Williams <michaelwilliams@pueofarm.com> 1/15/2020 2:16 PM >>>
Aloha, Mike. At its 11/22 Regular meeting, the Council referred to your GET Committee a bill proposed by the Mayor to tighten the rules for attendance by members of boards and commissions. Today Gladys Baisa sent me a revised bill from the Mayor which I understand you will consider at next week's GET meeting. I urge you to consider the attached amendments to that bill which would count absences that cause a meeting to be cancelled for lack of quorum the same as an absence at a meeting actually held, and would set the lack of attendance threshold .

To illustrate the problem, consider meetings this year of the Cost of Government Commission. It has a regularly scheduled meeting on the second Thursday of every month. So far in 2019, there have been three of the 11 regularly scheduled meetings cancelled for lack of a quorum (one was rescheduled to tomorrow, and we will barely have a quorum, maybe). The way this bill is written, the members who cause the lack of quorum by their anticipated absence would not be counted as having an attendance problem.

Mahalo for your consideration. Michael Williams, Chair, Cost of Government Commission.