

GET Committee

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Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 8:43 AM
To: Mike J. Molina; GET Committee
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Subject: RE: Bill to tighten attendance rules at boards and commissions
Attachments: Proposed amendment to bill tightening attendance requirements when meeting cancelled for lack of quorum 11-22-19.docx

Mike, et al.: I see that the proposed bill on your Committee's agenda next Tuesday on attendance still does not count an anticipated and properly noticed absence at a regularly scheduled meeting which causes that meeting to be cancelled due to lack of a quorum the same as an absence when the meeting occurs. In other words, if the unavailability of a member causes a meeting to be cancelled, that should be counted against that member the same as an absence at a meeting which is held. Their unavailability can still be either excused or not. I attach a proposed amendment to take care of this.

I plan to be able to testify about this Tuesday morning.

From: Michael Williams
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 2:16 PM
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Subject: Bill to tighten attendance rules at boards and commissions

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 probl

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

BILL NO. __ (2019)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.41, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ATTENDANCE AT BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS BY APPOINTED MEMBERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code, is amended by renaming subsection F as section G, and adding a new subsection F:

F. When the anticipated absence of one or more members causes a noticed meeting to be cancelled for lack of a quorum, that shall count as an instance of non-attendance for purposes of this section, even though the noticed meeting was not held.