

GET Committee

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Subject: Bill to tighten attendance rules at boards and commissions
Attachments: Proposed amemdment to bill tightening attendance requirements when meeting cancelled for lack of quorum 11-22-19.docx

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.

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 adding a new sentence to F:

F. If a board, commission, or committee record reflects that a member has not attended 50 percent or more meetings in any twelve month period, within thirty days of the end of such twelve month period the chairperson of such board, commission, or committee shall send a letter to the mayor, with a copy to the council, informing the mayor of such absences, which letter must also specifically recommend that the member be removed. 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.