

# BAD IDEA

## DON'T LET HAWAII OFFICIALS REMOVE YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW FROM THE NEWSPAPER.

### KEEP PUBLIC NOTICES IN YOUR NEWSPAPER!

Pending legislation may remove your right to read public notices in newspapers, moving them from the public domain to the internet. We're concerned. And you should be, too.

Public notices are an important tool in assuring an informed citizenry. They have helped develop America into a participatory democracy for hundreds of years and where it counts the most: how your tax dollars are spent, how policy is made and how our futures are

charted.

They are located in easy-to-find sections of your newspaper. **And they are fully accessible to everyone – unlike the internet.**

A public notice printed in the newspaper produces a permanent record. The internet does not, nor does it assure timeliness. A newspaper is archived for years, not subject to computer crashes and hackers.

**Less than 10% of the U.S. population views a local, state or federal government website daily\***. This means more than nine out of 10 people may never see a given notice. This compares

dramatically to the fact that 83% of adults read a community newspaper every week<sup>1</sup>.

Newspapers are your watchdogs. Don't let that role be changed now. Contact your local representative today and voice your opinion.

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