

Legislation would change public notice publication

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As a follow-up to my April 17 letter regarding Senate Bill 2233, a.k.a. the electronic information act, I'd like to respond to an April 22 letter writer regarding the notice he read in the public notice section. While I think there was some gist in his letter, I ask all of Hawaii's citizens: What about when the public notice section is no more? SB 2233 will do just that - end print publication of government notices. Again I ask where everyone is on this issue. It deserves public discourse.

The shell game continues. The House Finance Committee has released its latest version of this vile legislation. It now reads, "The purpose of this Act is to require government agencies to disseminate (notices) electronically, while retaining the option of providing (supplemental notice) in a daily or weekly publication." It further provides that "the government agency shall provide information on the agency's website giving the location of the electronic or online notice." Are you kidding me?

Thank God they dropped the provision for library-funded work stations and Department of Education funding, switching that to the Department of Accounting and General Services. But the appropriation sum is still blank as they contemplate how much of our tax dollars to throw at this travesty of public trust.

I beg my fellow citizens to please visit

www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2233. Read it, then tell everyone you know about this disastrous legislation and fight against it in your own way.

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