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**Subject:** Re: Notice of hearing for HB 1688  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 12:21:09 PM

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Aloha,

I could not reply earlier. I would have abstained from this vote. My reason is that lack of clarity on specifics of the needs assessment. I look forward to a brief discussion.

Jim Beets

On Tue, Feb 6, 2024 at 12:37 PM Mahinakai50 <[mahinakai50@gmail.com](mailto:mahinakai50@gmail.com)> wrote:

Aloha All,  
I abstain until further conversation is had. I have questions.

Erica Perez

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*"Tell me and I will forget, Teach me and I will remember, Involve me and I will learn" - Benjamin Franklin*

On Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 9:48 AM laura acasio <[laura.acasio@gmail.com](mailto:laura.acasio@gmail.com)> wrote:

EMC voted to support EPR in general, but HB 1688 is not EPR, it's a needs assessment. Two different things being conflated here. Thus, my vote in opposition. I will reserve a deeper explanation for a public discussion on this in order to comply with Sunshine Law.  
~Laura

On Sat, Feb 3, 2024 at 10:19 PM Lee McIntosh <[lee@leemcintosh.org](mailto:lee@leemcintosh.org)> wrote:

> On Feb 3, 2024, at 10:00 PM, laura acasio <[laura.acasio@gmail.com](mailto:laura.acasio@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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> While I do support forms of EPR as stated on Jan 24, 2024, I vote no on EMC support of HB 1688 at this time.  
> I believe a full explanation would be a violation of sunshine, so I will refrain from sending my statement of rationale here.  
> Laura

No, you can explain your stance. Correspondence just has to relate to the statement and be gathered and published to our folder on the county web site within a certain time frame.

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