

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) chapter 91, notice is hereby given that the Department of the Attorney General (AG) will hold statewide online public hearings to afford all interested persons an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing on the proposed adoption of amendments to Chapter 5-11, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 5, Chapter 11, entitled "Notaries Public." The proposed amendments provide clarification and implementation of chapter 456, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, to the end that the provisions thereunder regulate the notaries public commissioned in Hawaii. The proposed amendments also provide implementation of Act 54, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, authorizing notaries public who are commissioned as remote online notaries public to perform notarial acts for remotely located individuals. An informational briefing will be held immediately before each public hearing. Due to COVID-19 public health dangers associated with in-person gatherings, the public hearings and informational sessions will be held entirely online via video conferencing technology.

Participation in the public hearings may be made online via the internet or by telephone, or by written testimony. All interested persons are urged to participate to present relevant information and individual opinions for the AG to consider. Hearings will be held on the following dates and time

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Informational briefing: 9:30 a.m.

Public hearing: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Online: Persons may present live video/oral testimony via internet or telephone during the online public hearing. To participate, you will need either a computer with internet access, video camera, and microphone, or a telephone. To sign up please email your request to: ATG.notary@hawaii.gov at least 48 hours in advance. Please include the hearing date you would like to testify, your email, full name, and phone number. A confirmation will be sent to you with instructions and the meeting link and call-in number. You can live-stream the public hearing on the AG website: <https://ag.hawaii.gov/notaries-public/live>. Each hearing will be recorded and will be available for viewing on the AG website within 24 hours after the hearing.

Written testimony: Any person may file written testimony to the proposed rulemaking by email or mail postmarked by July 27, 2021 to: ATG.notary@hawaii.gov or ATTN: Administrative Rules, Department of the Attorney General, Notaries Public. All oral and written testimony is public information. Please do not include information in your testimony that you do not want disclosed to the public. The AG shall take final action on this rulemaking at a future date.

The proposed rule amendments are currently available for review through July 28, 2021 online at <https://ag.hawaii.gov/notaries-public/hawaii-administrative-rules/> and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the AG Main Office on Oahu: 425 Queen Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. A copy of the proposed rule amendments will be mailed to any person who requests a copy in writing for a fee of \$.25 per page. The request must state the requestor's name and mailing address, and be delivered to 425 Queen Street, Honolulu, HI 96813 or by email at ATG.notary@hawaii.gov. For more information, email ATG.notary@hawaii.gov or call (808) 586-1216. To request a sign language interpreter, please contact the AG's Office on Oahu at 808-586-1500 at least seven days in advance of the public hearing

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