

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair

RE: Testimony in Support of H.B. 642, Relating to Administrative Rules Hearing: February 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ben Creps. I am a staff attorney at the Public First Law Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes government transparency. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **in support** of H.B. 642.

This measure would help members of the public to better understand and track proposed agency rules by making the full text of proposals available on a centralized website. We commend the Legislature's effort to increase transparency and access in the agency rulemaking process, which will promote more informed public participation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 642.

