

Dear Representatives,

NO on HB3513...changes public meeting laws limiting the bill to only budget, fiscal or policy matters, adding 'final' to the definition of "deciding on or deliberating toward a decision" implies that they can meet as long as it is not an organized activity that is deciding on the final decision, increases the time to report from 60 to 90 days.

The public should be entitled to hear the facts that are being presented to public officials which is prohibited by this bill. Fact-gathering is often the crucial stage in any government process to reach a decision.

Provides that certain communication, fact gathering activities or on-site inspections of property or facilities do not constitute governing body deciding on or deliberating toward a final decision.

By inserting budget, fiscal or policy before matters, is a blatant attempt to change the intent and meaning of public meeting laws.

Sincerely,
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