
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding three new sections to be appropriately designated and
3 to read as follows:

4 "§92- Neighborhood board; notice and agenda; public
5 input; quorum. (a) Any contrary provision in this chapter
6 notwithstanding, the provisions of this section shall apply to
7 neighborhood boards overseen by the neighborhood commission of
8 the city and county of Honolulu.

9 (b) The agenda required to be included in written public
10 notice of a neighborhood board meeting may include an
11 opportunity for the board to receive public input on issues not
12 specifically noticed for consideration at the forthcoming
13 meeting.

14 (c) Any matter raised as part of the public input agenda
15 allowed under subsection (b) may be discussed and information on
16 the matter may be received by the board at the meeting; provided
17 that the board may not make a decision relating to the matter.

18 The board may make decisions on matters originally raised as



1 part of a public input agenda only at a later meeting, the
2 agenda for which shall give notice of decisionmaking on the
3 matter.

4 (d) A quorum for a meeting of a neighborhood board shall
5 be required to conduct official board business or for the
6 purpose of discussion prior to and related to voting, and for
7 voting required to validate an act of the board as part of
8 official board business. A neighborhood board may receive
9 information or testimony on a matter of official board business
10 without a quorum; provided that the board may not make a
11 decision on the issue.

12 **§92- Permitted interactions of neighborhood board**
13 **members.** (a) Two or more members of a neighborhood board, but
14 less than the number of members necessary to constitute a quorum
15 for the board, may attend informational meetings or
16 presentations on matters relating to official board business,
17 including meetings of another entity, seminars, and community
18 meetings; provided that the presentation is not specifically and
19 exclusively organized for or directed toward members of the
20 board.

21 (b) Neighborhood board members may participate in
22 discussions, including discussions among themselves, provided



1 that the discussions occur during and as part of the
2 informational meeting or presentation allowed by subsection (a),
3 and provided further that there is no deliberation or commitment
4 relating to a vote on the issue. The board members, at the next
5 duly noticed meeting of the neighborhood board, shall report
6 their attendance and the matters presented and discussed that
7 related to official board business at the informational meeting
8 or presentation.

9 §92- Neighborhood board meeting; unanticipated events;
10 public interest. For purposes of this section, an unanticipated
11 event that occurs after public notice of a neighborhood board
12 meeting has been issued but before the scheduled meeting, may be
13 the subject of discussion and deliberation at the scheduled
14 meeting if timely action on the matter is necessary for public
15 health, welfare, and safety. At a duly noticed meeting, a board
16 may take action on an unanticipated event in the public interest
17 that is not on the agenda in the same manner as if the board had
18 held an emergency meeting pursuant to section 92-8 to take
19 action on the issue."

20 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2112.



Report Title:

Neighborhood Boards; Public Meetings

Description:

Authorizes public input at noticed neighborhood board meetings and discussion but not decisionmaking on those issues. Allows two or more neighborhood board members, but less than a quorum, to attend meetings relating to board business. Clarifies neighborhood board actions on unanticipated events. (HB1512 HD1)

