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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 302A-1106.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
2 is amended to read as follows:  
3           "**§302A-1106.5 Board of education; community ~~[meetings-]~~**  
4 **forums.** ~~[The board shall hold not less than one community~~  
5 ~~meeting annually in each county in]~~ In addition to their regular  
6 meetings, the board shall hold no less than six community forums  
7 annually to discuss and receive input from the community on  
8 public education and public library issues~~[-]~~; provided that the  
9 board shall hold at least one community forum in each county.  
10 The board chairperson shall designate less than a quorum of  
11 board members to attend ~~[the]~~ each community ~~[meetings-]~~ forum.  
12 These community ~~[meetings]~~ forums shall not be held for the  
13 purpose of formulating educational policy. The community  
14 ~~[meetings]~~ forums shall be ~~[exempt from sections 92-2.5, 92-7,~~  
15 ~~92-9, and 92-41; provided that the board shall give written~~  
16 ~~public notice of each community meeting. The meeting notice~~  
17 ~~shall indicate the date, time, and place of the meeting, and~~



1 ~~shall be filed in the office of the lieutenant governor and in~~  
2 ~~the board's office for public inspection six calendar days~~  
3 ~~before the meeting. The notice shall also be posted at the site~~  
4 ~~of the meeting.]~~ a permitted interaction under section 92-2.5;  
5 provided that no commitment relating to a vote on a matter is  
6 made or sought. At the next duly noticed meeting of the board,  
7 the board members shall report their attendance and the matters  
8 presented and discussed at the community forum."

9 SECTION 2. At any public meeting properly noticed pursuant  
10 to chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the board of education  
11 shall include an open forum at the end of its meeting agenda to  
12 afford all interested persons an opportunity to present oral  
13 testimony on any matter not on the agenda; provided that the  
14 testimony is related to matters over which the board of  
15 education has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory  
16 power.

17 SECTION 3. The board of education shall report to the  
18 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
19 the regular session of 2022 on its efforts to amend its polices  
20 to include an open forum at the end of its meeting agenda to



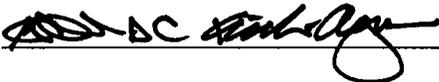
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1 afford all interested persons an opportunity to present oral  
2 testimony on any matter not on the agenda.

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



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**Report Title:**

Board of Education; Public Meetings; Oral Testimony; Community Forums

**Description:**

Requires the board of education to hold no less than six community forums annually, with at least one forum in each county. Requires the board to include an open forum for public comments on non-agenda items. Requires a report to the Legislature on implementing open forums.

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