
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:

- 6 (1) The board shall give a written public notice that
7 indicates the date, time, and place of each community
8 forum; provided that the notice shall be subject to
9 the same posting and filing requirements of board
10 meeting notices, pursuant to section 92-7(b);
- 11 (2) Community forums shall be open to the public and all
12 persons shall be permitted to attend; provided that
13 the removal of any person or persons who wilfully
14 disrupt a community forum to prevent and compromise
15 the conduct of the community forum shall not be
16 prohibited;
- 17 (3) The board shall afford all interested persons an
18 opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, in
19 writing or in person, on any public education or
20 public library issues at each community forum;



- 1 (4) No commitment relating to a vote on a matter is made
2 or sought at any community forum; and
- 3 (5) At the next duly noticed meeting of the board, the
4 board members shall report their attendance and the
5 matters presented and discussed at the community
6 forum."

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

15 SECTION 3. The board of education shall report to the
16 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the regular session of 2022 on its efforts to amend its policies
18 to include an open forum at the end of its meeting agenda to
19 afford all interested persons an opportunity to present oral
20 testimony on any matter not on the agenda.



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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



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S.D. 1

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. (SD1)

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