

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2252  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Reform, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 2252 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Board of Education to hold no less than six community forums annually, with at least one forum to be held in each county;
- (2) Make Board of Education members' attendance at the community forums permitted interactions under certain circumstances;
- (3) Require the Board of Education to include an open forum for public comments on non-agenda items at Board of Education meetings; and
- (4) Require the Board of Education to report to the Legislature on the implementation of the open forum requirement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Your Committee



received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices and one individual.

Your Committee finds that community forums held by the Board of Education improve the public's access to the Board and allow the public to provide the Board with more information to help with decision-making and priority setting. Greater access to the Board of Education from communities in each county across the State via community forums will allow the Board to hear from more community stakeholders and receive more information before making decisions at a later date.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Reform that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2252, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2252, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Government Reform,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



