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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:

SECTION 1. Section 302A-1106.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
is amended to read as follows:
"§302A-1106.5 Board of education; community [meetings.]
forums. [The board shall hold not less than one community
meeting annually in each county in] In addition to [their] its
regular meetings, the board shall hold not less than six

7 community forums annually to discuss and receive input from the

8 community on public education and public library issues [-];

9 provided that the board shall hold at least one community forum

10 <u>in each county</u>. The board chairperson shall designate <u>less</u>

12 [meetings.] forum. These community [meetings] forums shall not

than a quorum of board members to attend [the] each community

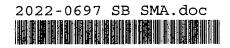
13 be held for the purpose of formulating educational policy. The

14 community [meetings] forums shall be [exempt from sections

15 92-2.5, 92-7, 92-9, and 92-41; provided that the board shall

16 give written public notice of each community meeting. The

17 meeting notice shall indicate the date, time, and place of the



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1	meeting,	and shall be filed in the office of the lieutenant
2	governor	and in the board's office for public inspection six
3	calendar	days before the meeting. The notice shall-also be
4	posted at	the site of the meeting.] a permitted interaction
5	under section 92-2.5; 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 further that the notice shall be
9		subject to the same posting and filing requirements of
10		board 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 further
13		that 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;



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1 (4) No commitment relating to a vote on a matter is made 2 or sought at any community forum; and 3 At the next duly noticed meeting of the board, the (5) 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 2023 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.



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

INTRODUCED BY: 2000 Scil-Op



Report Title:

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

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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