
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. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Board of education; open forums. At any public
5 meeting properly noticed pursuant to chapter 92, the board shall
6 include an open forum at the end of its meeting agenda to afford
7 all interested persons an opportunity to present oral testimony
8 on any matter not on the agenda; provided that the testimony is
9 related to matters over which the board has supervision,
10 control, jurisdiction, or advisory power."

11 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1106.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 "§302A-1106.5 Board of education; community [meetings-]
14 forums. ~~[The board shall hold not less than one community~~
15 ~~meeting annually in each county in] In addition to [their] its~~
16 regular meetings, the board shall hold no less than six
17 community forums annually to discuss and receive input from the



1 community on public education and public library issues[-];
 2 provided that the board shall hold at least one community forum
 3 in each county. The board chairperson shall designate board
 4 members to attend [the] each community [meetings-] forum. These
 5 community [meetings] forums shall not be held for the purpose of
 6 formulating educational policy. The community [meetings] forums
 7 shall be [~~exempt from sections 92-2.5, 92-7, 92-9, and 92-41;~~
 8 ~~provided that the board shall give written public notice of each~~
 9 ~~community meeting. The meeting notice shall indicate the date,~~
 10 ~~time, and place of the meeting, and shall be filed in the office~~
 11 ~~of the lieutenant governor and in the board's office for public~~
 12 ~~inspection six calendar days before the meeting. The notice~~
 13 ~~shall also be posted at the site of the meeting.] a permitted
 14 interaction under section 92-2.5; provided that:~~

- 15 (1) The board shall give a written public notice that
 16 indicates the date, time, and place of each community
 17 forum; provided further that the notice shall be
 18 subject to the same posting and filing requirements of
 19 board meeting notices, pursuant to section 92-7(b);
- 20 (2) Community forums shall be open to the public and all
 21 persons shall be permitted to attend; provided further



1 that the removal of any person or persons who wilfully
2 disrupt a community forum to prevent and compromise
3 the conduct of the community forum shall not be
4 prohibited;

5 (3) The board shall afford all interested persons an
6 opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, in
7 writing or in person, on any public education or
8 public library issues at each community forum;

9 (4) No commitment relating to a vote on a matter is made
10 or sought at any community forum; and

11 (5) At the next duly noticed meeting of the board, the
12 board members shall report their attendance and the
13 matters presented and discussed at the community
14 forum."

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.



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, 2112.



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Report Title:

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

Description:

Requires the board of education to include an open forum for public comments on non-agenda items at the end of board meetings. Requires the board of education to hold no less than six community forums annually, with at least one forum in each county. Requires a report to the legislature on implementing open forums. Effective 7/1/2112. (HD1)

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