

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 156
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 156, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Board of Education to hold not less than six community forums annually, with at least one community forum in each county;
- (2) Require the Board to include an open forum for public comments on non-agenda items; and
- (3) Require a report to the Legislature on implementing open forums.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Information Practices and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Education's mission is to "promote excellence and equity in Hawai'i's public schools and enable all students to meet their own unique and varied potentials". Your Committee also finds that the Board strives to



achieve its mission through the enactment of public policy. However, the ability to craft effective policy requires a full and robust understanding of the needs and concerns of parents, students, and families. This, in turn, requires ample opportunities for public input and participation. However, your Committee finds that under the existing law, the Board is required to hold just one community meeting annually in each county. Therefore, this measure will increase the opportunities for public participation by requiring the Board to hold at least six community forums annually.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 156, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

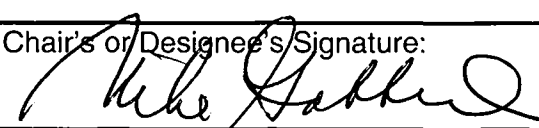


KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 156 SD1	Committee Referral: EDU, JDC	Date: 2/23/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes