
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] its
6 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 in each county. The board chairperson shall designate less than
11 a quorum of board members to attend [the] each community
12 [meetings.] forum and shall appoint one designated member as
13 chair of the community forum. These community [meetings] forums
14 shall not be held for the purpose of formulating educational
15 policy. The community [meetings] forums shall be [~~exempt from~~
16 ~~sections 92-2.5, 92-7, 92-9, and 92-41, provided that the board~~
17 ~~shall give written public notice of each community meeting. The~~



1 ~~meeting notice shall indicate the date, time, and place of the~~
2 ~~meeting, and shall be filed in the office of the lieutenant~~
3 ~~governor and in the board's office for public inspection six~~
4 ~~calendar days before the meeting. The notice shall also be~~
5 ~~posted at the site of the meeting.] a permitted interaction~~
6 under section 92-2.5; provided that:

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



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

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

17 SECTION 3. The board of education shall submit a report of
18 its efforts to amend its policies to include an open forum at
19 the end of its meeting agenda to afford all interested persons
20 an opportunity to present oral testimony on any matter not on



1 the agenda, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

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

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

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

Description:

Requires the Board of Education to hold not less than six
community forums annually, with at least one community 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. Effective 7/1/2050.
(SD1)

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