
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the school
2 facilities authority was established to oversee the development,
3 planning, and construction of public school facilities across
4 the State, ensuring that schools meet the infrastructure needs
5 of students, staff, and communities. Presently, the school
6 facilities authority board consists of five voting members
7 appointed by the governor.

8 The department of education is a necessary and critical
9 partner to the successful implementation of school facilities
10 projects through its understanding of educational needs and
11 administrative priorities. There is a need to strengthen
12 collaboration between the department of education and the school
13 facilities authority to ensure that the planning and development
14 of school facilities are aligned with the educational goals and
15 requirements of Hawaii's public education system.

16 The legislature further finds that the board of education,
17 which oversees the department of education, brings a perspective



1 on educational governance and policy. Incorporating
2 representatives from the department of education and board of
3 education as ex officio voting members of the school facilities
4 authority board will ensure the department of education's
5 strategic priorities are represented in the school facilities
6 authority's projects and enhance the accountability and
7 responsiveness of the school facilities authority to the needs
8 of students, educators, and the community.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to add two ex
10 officio voting members that represent the department of
11 education and the board of education to the school facilities
12 authority board.

13 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1704, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 "(b) The board shall consist of [~~five~~] seven voting
16 members [~~—The~~] who shall serve without compensation but may be
17 reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary
18 for the performance of their duties; provided that:

19 (1) Five of the members shall:

20 [~~(1)~~] (A) Be appointed by the governor pursuant to
21 section 26-34;



1 ~~[-2-]~~ (B) Have an interest in public school facilities; and

2 ~~[-3-]~~ (C) Include one member actively or previously engaged
3 in the construction industry for at least five
4 years; and

5 ~~[-4-]~~ ~~Serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for~~
6 ~~expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the~~
7 ~~performance of their duties.]~~

8 (2) Two of the members shall be ex officio members,
9 including:

10 (A) The superintendent of education or the
11 superintendent's designee; and

12 (B) The chairperson of the board of education or the
13 chairperson's designee."

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

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

BOE; DOE; School Facilities Authority Board; Membership

Description:

Adds 2 ex officio, voting members that represent the Department of Education and Board of Education to the School Facilities Authority Board. (SD2)

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