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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUNSHINE LAWS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 92-81, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3                                   **"[PART VII.] NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD**  
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5           **[+]§92-81[+] Neighborhood board; notice and agenda; public**  
6 **input; quorum.** (a) Any contrary provision in this chapter  
7 notwithstanding, the provisions of this part shall apply to  
8 neighborhood boards overseen by a neighborhood commission of the  
9 city and county of Honolulu, and such other neighborhood boards  
10 as may be created in other counties and overseen by a county-  
11 based commission.

12           (b) The agenda required to be included in written public  
13 notice of a neighborhood board meeting may include an  
14 opportunity for the board to receive public input on issues not  
15 specifically noticed for consideration at the forthcoming  
16 meeting.



1 (c) Any matter raised as part of the public input agenda  
2 allowed under subsection (b) may be discussed and information on  
3 the matter may be received by the board at the meeting; provided  
4 that the board shall not make a decision relating to the matter.  
5 The board may make decisions on matters originally raised as  
6 part of a public input agenda only at a later meeting, where the  
7 agenda for the meeting shall give notice of decision-making on  
8 the matter.

9 (d) A quorum for a meeting of a neighborhood board shall  
10 be required for:

- 11 (1) Conducting official board business;
- 12 (2) Discussions prior to and related to voting; and
- 13 (3) Voting required to validate an act of the board as  
14 part of official board business.

15 A neighborhood board may receive information or testimony on a  
16 matter of official board business without a quorum; provided  
17 that the board shall not make a decision on the issue. The  
18 board members, at the next meeting of the neighborhood board,  
19 shall report the matters presented as information or testimony.

20 (e) The neighborhood commission of the city and county of  
21 Honolulu and such other county-based commissions, shall serve as



1 the respective oversight authorities for application of this  
2 chapter to neighborhood boards."

3 SECTION 2. Section 92-83, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[+]§92-83[+] **Neighborhood board meeting; unanticipated**  
6 **events; public interest; official reports.** (a) An  
7 unanticipated event that occurs after public notice of a  
8 neighborhood board meeting has been issued, but before the  
9 scheduled meeting, may be the subject of discussion at the  
10 scheduled meeting if timely action on the matter is necessary  
11 for public health, welfare, and safety. At a duly noticed  
12 meeting, a board may take action on an unanticipated event in  
13 the public interest that is not on the agenda in the same manner  
14 as if the board had held an emergency meeting to take action on  
15 the issue, pursuant to section 92-8.

16 (b) A board may discuss an official government report that  
17 is not on the agenda at a meeting; provided that the board shall  
18 not make a decision relating to the report. The board may make  
19 decisions relating to the report only at a later meeting, where  
20 the agenda for the meeting shall give notice of decision-making  
21 on the matter relating to the report."



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

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

INTRODUCED BY:

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# H.B. NO. 1412

**Report Title:**

Sunshine Law; Neighborhood Boards; Official Reports; Commission

**Description:**

Designates the neighborhood commission as the appropriate oversight authority for application of the sunshine law to neighborhood boards. Authorizes neighborhood boards to discuss official government reports without placing it on the agenda, provided that no decision-making can be made.

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