

ACT 49

H.B. NO. 996

A Bill for an Act Relating to Meetings of State and County Boards.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 92-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) A board may hold a meeting closed to the public pursuant to section 92-4 for one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;
- (2) To consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee or of charges brought against the officer or employee, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved; provided that if the individual concerned requests an open meeting, an open meeting shall be held;
- (3) To deliberate concerning the authority of persons designated by the board to conduct labor negotiations or to negotiate the acquisition of public property, or during the conduct of such negotiations;
- (4) To consult with the board’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities;
- (5) To investigate proceedings regarding criminal misconduct;
- (6) To consider sensitive matters related to public safety or security; [and]
- (7) To consider matters relating to the solicitation and acceptance of private donations[.]; and
- (8) To deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential pursuant to a state or federal law, or a court order.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 26, 1999.)