
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read
3 as follows:

4 **"PART . NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD**

5 **§92-A Neighborhood board; notice and agenda; public input;**
6 **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 in a
9 county with a population of 500,000 or more.

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

15 (c) Any matter raised as part of the public input agenda
16 allowed under subsection (b) may be discussed, and information
17 on the matter may be received by the board at the meeting;
18 provided that the board shall not make a decision relating to



1 the matter. The board may make decisions on matters originally
2 raised as part of a public input agenda only at a later meeting,
3 the agenda for which shall give notice of decision-making on the
4 matter.

5 (d) A quorum for a meeting of a neighborhood board shall
6 be required for:

- 7 (1) Conducting official board business;
- 8 (2) Discussions prior to and related to voting; and
- 9 (3) Voting required to validate an act of the board as
10 part of official board business.

11 A neighborhood board may receive information or testimony on a
12 matter of official board business without a quorum; provided
13 that the board shall not make a decision on the issue; provided
14 further that any information or testimony received will be
15 permitted again at a subsequent meeting when the decision is
16 made.

17 **§92-B Permitted interactions of neighborhood board**
18 **members.** (a) Two or more members of a neighborhood board, but
19 less than the number of members necessary to constitute a quorum
20 for the board, may attend informational meetings or
21 presentations on matters relating to official board business,
22 including meetings of another entity, seminars, and community



1 meetings; provided that the presentation is not specifically and
2 exclusively organized for or directed toward members of the
3 board.

4 (b) Neighborhood board members may participate in
5 discussions, including discussions among themselves; provided
6 that:

7 (1) The discussions occur during and as part of the
8 informational meeting or presentation allowed by
9 subsection (a); and

10 (2) No commitment to vote is made or sought.

11 The board members, at the next duly noticed meeting of the
12 neighborhood board, shall report their attendance and the
13 matters presented and discussed that related to official board
14 business at the informational meeting or presentation.

15 **§92-C Neighborhood board meeting; unanticipated events;**
16 **public interest.** An unanticipated event that occurs after
17 public notice of a neighborhood board meeting has been issued,
18 but before the scheduled meeting, may be the subject of
19 discussion and deliberation at the scheduled meeting if:

20 (1) Timely action on the matter is urgently necessary for
21 public health, welfare, and safety; and



1 (2) Time does not allow for it to be addressed by an
2 emergency meeting scheduled pursuant to section 92-8.
3 At the duly noticed meeting, a board may take such action on an
4 unanticipated event that meets the requirement of this section
5 in the same manner as if the board had held an emergency meeting
6 pursuant to section 92-8 to take action on the issue."

7 SECTION 2. In codifying the new sections added by section
8 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
9 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
10 the new sections in this Act.

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



Report Title:

Procedure; Public Meetings

Description:

Prescribes the procedure to be followed at certain neighborhood board meetings, such as the information that may be included in the written public notice, the information that the board may receive on a matter, and the deliberation and decision-making process. (SB2201 SD1)

