A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 92-82, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

(a) [Two or more members of a neighborhood board, but fewer than the number of members necessary to constitute a quorum for the board.] Neighborhood board members may attend [informational] meetings or presentations located on Oahu on matters relating to official board business [including meetings of another entity, seminars, and community meetings]; provided that the meeting or presentation is open to the public, does not charge a fee or require registration, and is not specifically and exclusively organized for or directed toward members of the board[; and provided further that no member makes a commitment to vote on any of the issues discussed.]

(b) Neighborhood board members [may participate in discussions, including discussions among themselves; provided that the discussions occur during and as part of the informational meeting or presentation allowed by subsection (a)]; and provided further that there is no commitment made relating
to a vote on the issue. The board members, at the next duly
noticed meeting of the neighborhood board, shall report their
attendance and the matters presented and discussed that related
to official board business at the informational meeting or
presentation[,] who attend meetings or presentations allowed by
subsection (a) may ask questions relating to official board
business of persons other than fellow board members."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
Report Title:
Neighborhood Boards; Public Meetings; Permitted Interactions

Description:
Allows neighborhood board members to attend certain public meetings without violating the Sunshine Law under certain circumstances. (CD1)

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