A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. Section 302A-1106.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§302A-1106.5 Board of education; community [meetings.]

forums. [The board shall hold not less than one community
meeting annually in each county in] In addition to their regular
meetings, the board shall hold no less than six community forums
annually to discuss and receive input from the community on
public education and public library issues; provided that the
board shall hold at least one community forum in each county.
The board chairperson shall designate less than a quorum of
board members to attend [the] each community [meetings.]
forum. These community [meetings] forums shall not be held for the
purpose of formulating educational policy. The community
[meetings] forums shall be [exempt from sections 92-2.5, 92-7,
92-9, and 92-41, provided that the board shall give written
public notice of each community meeting. The meeting notice
shall indicate the date, time, and place of the meeting, and shall be filed in the office of the lieutenant governor and in the board's office for public inspection six calendar days before the meeting. The notice shall also be posted at the site of the meeting. A permitted interaction under section 92-2.5; provided that no commitment relating to a vote on a matter is made or sought. At the next duly noticed meeting of the board, the board members shall report their attendance and the matters presented and discussed at the community forum.

PART II

SECTION 2. At any public meeting properly noticed pursuant to chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the board of education shall include an open forum at the end of its meeting agenda to afford all interested persons an opportunity to present oral testimony on any matter not on the agenda; provided that the testimony is related to matters over which the board of education has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

SECTION 3. The board of education shall report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2021 on its efforts to amend its polices...
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afford all interested persons an opportunity to present oral
testimony on any matter not on the agenda.

PART III

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.
Report Title:
Board of Education; Public Meetings; Oral Testimony; Community Forums

Description:
Requires the Board of Education to hold no less than six community forums annually, with at least one forum in each county. Requires the Board to include an open forum for public comments on non-agenda items. Requires a report to the Legislature on implementing open forums. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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