
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC 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 BOARDS**

5 **§92- Neighborhood board defined.** As used in this part,
6 "neighborhood board" refers to neighborhood boards, similar in
7 purpose to the neighborhood boards established in city and
8 county of Honolulu, and any other similar board or commission
9 established by a county to increase and assure effective citizen
10 participation in neighborhoods designated within the county's
11 boundaries.

12 **§92- Neighborhood board meetings; agenda; quorum.**

13 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 92-3 and 92-7, an
14 agenda for a neighborhood board meeting may include an item
15 denominated "Public Input" to permit the public to submit
16 written information, or to present oral testimony about a matter
17 not included under any other item on the agenda for that
18 meeting. Members of the neighborhood board may inquire about



1 and discuss the matters presented during the "Public Input"
2 segment of a meeting, provided that no commitment to vote is
3 made or sought, and all deliberation and decisionmaking on
4 matters submitted or presented to a neighborhood board during
5 that segment, if any, occurs only at a duly noticed meeting held
6 subsequent to the meeting at which the material or testimony was
7 submitted or presented under this section. During the "Public
8 Input" segment of its meeting, a neighborhood board may make
9 inquiries about and discuss the information or testimony
10 submitted or presented without a quorum.

11 **§92- Permitted interactions of neighborhood board**
12 **members.** Notwithstanding section 92-2.5, two or more members of
13 a neighborhood board, but less than the number of members
14 necessary to constitute a quorum for the board, may attend
15 informational meetings or presentations on matters relating to
16 official board business, including meetings of another entity,
17 seminars, and community meetings; provided that the presentation
18 is not specifically and exclusively organized for or directed
19 toward members of the board, no commitment to vote is made or
20 sought, and the participating board members report their
21 attendance and the matters presented and discussed that related



1 to official board business to their neighborhood board at its
2 next meeting.

3 **§92- Neighborhood board meeting; unanticipated events.**

4 Notwithstanding section 92-7, a neighborhood board may amend a
5 filed agenda for a meeting, and take immediate action on a
6 matter over which the board has supervision, control,
7 jurisdiction, or advisory power without further notice, provided
8 that:

- 9 (1) Two-thirds of all members to which the board is
10 entitled agree that an unanticipated event requires
11 the board to take immediate action to protect the
12 public's health, welfare or safety;
- 13 (2) The board identifies the unanticipated event;
- 14 (3) The county attorney or corporation counsel concurs
15 that the event is an unanticipated event and requires
16 the board to take immediate action to protect the
17 public's health, welfare or safety; and
- 18 (4) The event the board found to be unanticipated, the
19 board's vote, and the concurrence of the county
20 attorney or corporation counsel are recorded in the
21 minutes for that meeting.



1 For purposes of this section, "unanticipated event" shall
2 have the same meaning as in section 92-8(c)."

3 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2009,
4 and shall be repealed on December 31, 2013.



Report Title:

Neighborhood Boards; Public Meetings

Description:

Authorizes public input at noticed neighborhood board meetings and discussion but not decisionmaking on those issues. Allows two or more neighborhood board members, but less than a quorum, to attend meetings relating to board business. Clarifies neighborhood board actions on unanticipated events. Sunsets 12/31/2013. (SD1)

