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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 on
17 the matter may be received by the board at the meeting; provided
18 that the board shall not make a decision relating to the matter.



1 The board may make decisions on matters originally raised as
2 part of a public input agenda only at a later meeting, the
3 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.

14 **§92-B Permitted interactions of neighborhood board**

15 **members.** (a) Two or more members of a neighborhood board, but
16 less than the number of members necessary to constitute a quorum
17 for the board, may attend informational meetings or
18 presentations on matters relating to official board business,
19 including meetings of another entity, seminars, and community
20 meetings; provided that the presentation is not specifically and
21 exclusively organized for or directed toward members of the
22 board.



1 (b) Neighborhood board members may participate in
2 discussions, including discussions among themselves; provided
3 that the discussions occur during and as part of the
4 informational meeting or presentation allowed by subsection (a);
5 and provided further that there is no deliberation or commitment
6 relating to a vote on the issue. The board members, at the next
7 duly noticed meeting of the neighborhood board, shall report
8 their attendance and the matters presented and discussed that
9 related to official board business at the informational meeting
10 or presentation.

11 **§92-C Neighborhood board meeting; unanticipated events;**
12 **public interest.** An unanticipated event that occurs after
13 public notice of a neighborhood board meeting has been issued,
14 but before the scheduled meeting, may be the subject of
15 discussion and deliberation at the scheduled meeting if timely
16 action on the matter is necessary for public health, welfare,
17 and safety. At a duly noticed meeting, a board may take action
18 on an unanticipated event in the public interest that is not on
19 the agenda in the same manner as if the board had held an
20 emergency meeting pursuant to section 92-8 to take action on the
21 issue."



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

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

