

JAN 28 2009

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-1124, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

4 (a) The department, through the board and its
5 superintendent, shall establish a school community council
6 system under which each public school, excluding charter
7 schools, shall create and maintain a school community
8 council[-]; provided that the office of the superintendent of
9 education, under policies established by the board, shall
10 regulate and conduct the election of members to a school
11 community council under subsection (e); provided further that
12 each council's school shall provide any assistance necessary to
13 conduct the elections in an efficient and effective manner.

14 Each school community council shall:

15 (1) Review and evaluate the school's academic plan and
16 financial plan, and either recommend revisions of the
17 plans to the principal, or recommend the plans for
18 approval by the complex area superintendent;



1 (2) Ensure that the school's academic and financial plans
2 are consistent with the educational accountability
3 system under section 302A-1004;

4 (3) Participate in principal selection and evaluation, and
5 transmit any such evaluations to the complex area
6 superintendent; and

7 (4) Provide collaborative opportunities for input and
8 consultation."

9 2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

10 "(e) Unless otherwise specified, each school community
11 council shall establish policies governing the council's
12 composition, [~~election,~~] staggered terms of office for members,
13 operation, and vacancies; provided that:

14 (1) The number of school personnel [+]on[+] any school
15 community council shall be equal to the number of
16 primary stakeholders on the school community council;

17 (2) At the elementary and middle school levels, each
18 school community council shall be composed of the
19 principal and at least one member representing each of
20 the following groups:



- 1 (A) Parents elected by ballots distributed among and
- 2 collected from the parents of the school's
- 3 students;
- 4 (B) Teachers elected by ballots distributed among and
- 5 collected from teachers of the school;
- 6 (C) Noncertificated school personnel elected by
- 7 ballots distributed among and collected from
- 8 noncertificated personnel of the school;
- 9 (D) Community representatives elected by ballots
- 10 distributed among and collected from parents of
- 11 the school's students; and
- 12 (E) Student representatives selected by the student
- 13 council of the school; [~~and~~]
- 14 and
- 15 (3) At the high school level, each school community
- 16 council shall be composed of the principal and at
- 17 least one member representing each of the following
- 18 groups:
- 19 (A) Parents elected by ballots distributed among and
- 20 collected from parents of the school's students;
- 21 (B) Teachers elected by ballots distributed among and
- 22 collected from teachers of the school;



Report Title:

School Community Councils; Elections

Description:

Requires the Superintendent of Education, under policies established by the Board of Education, to conduct all elections for school community councils.

