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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 92-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§92-4 Executive meetings. (a) A board may hold an
4 executive meeting, subject to subsection (b), closed to the
5 public upon an affirmative vote, taken at an open meeting, of
6 two-thirds of the members present; provided the affirmative vote
7 constitutes a majority of the members to which the board is
8 entitled. A meeting closed to the public shall be limited to
9 matters exempted by section 92-5. The reason for holding such a
10 meeting shall be publicly announced and the vote of each member
11 on the question of holding a meeting closed to the public shall
12 be recorded, and entered into the minutes of the meeting.

13 (b) No executive meeting shall be held unless properly
14 noticed in advance in the agenda of a duly noticed open meeting,
15 that includes:

16 (1) A statement of justification for the executive
17 meeting;



- 1 (2) The subjects to be discussed in the executive meeting;
- 2 and
- 3 (3) The time and place of the resumption of the open
- 4 meeting.


5 Upon resumption of the open meeting, the board shall disclose in
6 that open meeting the subject discussed and the action taken in
7 the executive meeting."

8 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:
Open Meetings

Description:

Requires executive meetings of boards to be properly noticed;
requires subject matter and discussion in an executive meeting
to be announced in public upon reconvening of an open meeting.

