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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-1124, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The department, through the board and its
4 superintendent, shall establish a school community council
5 system under which each public school, excluding charter
6 schools, shall create and maintain a school community council.
7 Each school community council shall:

8 (1) Review and evaluate the school's academic plan and
9 financial plan, and either recommend revisions of the
10 plans to the principal, or recommend the plans for
11 approval by the complex area superintendent;

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

15 (3) Submit all recommendations in writing based on
16 findings that are detailed and specific, and at a
17 minimum state why the recommendation is in the best
18 interests of the school;



1 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Participate in principal selection and
2 evaluation, and transmit any such evaluations to the
3 complex area superintendent; ~~[and]~~
4 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Provide collaborative opportunities for input and
5 consultation~~[-]~~; and
6 (6) The council shall hold not less than two public
7 community meetings annually in each school community,
8 in addition to their regular meetings, for the purpose
9 of discussing and receiving input from the community
10 on education and fiscal issues. These community
11 meetings shall not be held for the purpose of
12 formulating educational policy."

13 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1124, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

15 "(g) The principal shall have the authority to set aside
16 any decision made by the school community council if the
17 principal determines it to be in the best interests of the
18 school; provided that the principal notifies the school
19 community council~~[-]~~ in writing. The principal's decision shall
20 be based on findings that are detailed and specific, and shall
21 at a minimum state why the proposal is contrary to the best
22 interests of the school. If the school community council



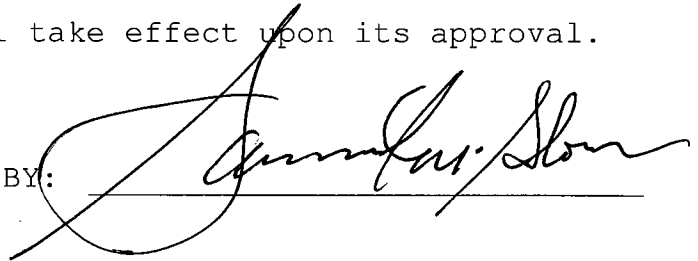
1 opposes a decision of the principal, an appeal shall first be
2 brought to the complex area superintendent for resolution and,
3 if necessary, to the superintendent and, finally, to the board
4 of education."

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:





S.B. NO. 778

Report Title:

School Community Councils; Written findings; Public meetings.

Description:

Requires school community councils and principals to provide detailed justification for proposed changes and opposition to proposed changes; requires school community councils to hold two community meetings annually in each school community.

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