

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 13**, 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2664  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Lower & Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2664, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Board of Education to hold no less than six community forums annually, rather than one community meeting annually, with at least one community forum to be held in each county; and
- (2) Require the Board of Education to include an open forum for public comment on non-agenda items at the end of each public Board meeting, and report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2021 on the implementation of the open forums.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawaii Education Caucus and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education and Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest.



Your Committee finds that community meetings held by the Board of Education improve the public's access to the Board and allow the public to provide more information to the Board to help with decision-making and priority setting. Your Committee further finds that providing greater access to the Board of Education will improve transparency and access to information thereby encouraging an informed and engaged community of citizens.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2051.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Lower & Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2664, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2664, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Lower & Higher  
Education,

  
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Lower & Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2664, SD1	Committee Referral: LHE, JUD, FIN	Date: 3/11/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LHE Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)				✓
3. QUINLAN, Sean (VC)	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn				✓
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	✓			
6. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	9	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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