

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2788

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 03 2022**

RE: S.B. No. 2334  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2334, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Board of Education to include an open forum for public comments on non-agenda items at the end of board meetings;
- (2) Require the Board of Education to hold not less than six community forums annually, with at least one forum in each county; and
- (3) Require a report to the Legislature on implementing the open forums mandate.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Information Practices and League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education.

Your Committee finds that community forums improve the public's access to the Board of Education and provide the Board with more information to assist in its decision-making and



priority setting. Your Committee further finds that the Board of Education should receive public input at its noticed regular public meetings and by reaching out to the public through community forums. This measure seeks to increase communication between the community-at-large and the Board of Education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language into chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requiring the Board of Education to include an open forum at the end of its meeting agenda to afford all interested persons an opportunity to present oral testimony on any matter not on the agenda; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2334, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2334, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



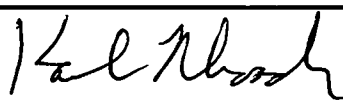
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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
Committee on Judiciary  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2334, SDI	EDU, JDC	02-25-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)				✓
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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