

ACT 121

H.B. NO. 3302

A Bill for an Act Relating to Open Meetings.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§92- Meeting by videoconference; notice; quorum. (a) A board may hold a meeting by videoconference; provided that the videoconference system used by the board shall allow both audio and visual interaction between all members of the board participating in the meeting and the public attending the meeting, at any videoconference location. The notice required by section 92-7 shall specify all locations at which board members will be physically present during a videoconference meeting, and the public shall be allowed to attend the meeting at any such location.

(b) Any board member participating in a meeting by videoconference shall be considered present at the meeting for the purposes of determining compliance with the quorum and voting requirements of the board.

(c) A meeting held by videoconference shall be terminated if both audio and video communication cannot be maintained with all locations where the meeting is being held, even if a quorum of the board is physically present in one location.

(d) Each board shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter 91 regarding the use of and the procedures to be followed in a meeting held by videoconference, before the meetings are held.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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

(Approved June 8, 1994.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.