

The purpose of this bill is to allow boards to hold meetings by videoconference if:

- (1) The system used allows both audio and visual interaction among all members of the board participating and the public;
- (2) The notice of the board meeting specifies all locations at which board members will be present, and provides for public attendance at all locations;
- (3) Quorum and voting requirements are determined by the number of board members present at all locations; and
- (4) The meeting is terminated upon failure of either the audio or visual portion of the communication, whether or not a quorum of the board is present at one location.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the bill from the Office of the Attorney General, which noted that, given the fact that many board members live on neighbor islands, it may be more efficient and more cost-effective to conduct meetings by videoconference when possible.

Given the fact that the bill provides a number of safeguards to ensure public access to and participation in board meetings if conducted by videoconference, your Committee agrees with the Office of the Attorney General that this bill has the potential to enhance the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of State boards.

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 H.B. No. 3302 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by all members of the Committee except Representatives Bunda, Herkes, Hirono, Peters and Takamine.