

Agenda Item VII.A., Board Action on Finance and Infrastructure recommendations concerning Board Policy 500.9, Establishment of Complex Areas and Board Policy 500.10, Functions of District Offices

General Business Meeting

October 6, 2015

At its May 19, 2015 meeting, the Finance and Infrastructure Committee considered Board Policies 500.9, Establishment of Complex Areas and 500.10, Functions of District Offices and deferred action on these policies. The committee asked that these two policies be amended in accordance with the Department of Education's ("Department") recommendations described in the memorandum dated May 19, 2015 from Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi to then-committee chairperson Brian De Lima.¹ Specifically, the Department recommended that Board Policy 500.10 be deleted and that the duties section from Board Policy 500.10 be placed in Board Policy 500.9 instead. The Department further recommended that Board Policy 500.9 note that "some additional responsibilities may be enacted using the former district structure."

The document attached as **Exhibit A** shows the revisions to 500.9 suggested by the Department. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a copy of Board Policy 500.10, for reference purposes. The Department's recommendation was that 500.10 be deleted.

At its September 15, 2015 meeting, the Finance and Infrastructure Committee considered the Department's suggestions and took action to recommend that the Board approve Board Policy 500.9 with the revisions shown in **Exhibit A** and that Board Policy 500.10 be deleted.

¹ Available at: http://www.hawaiiboe.net/Meetings/Notices/Documents/2015-05-19%20FIC/FIC_VA_05192015_BoardProposed400-900%20Policy%20Series.pdf

Exhibit A

Revisions to Proposed Board Policy 500.9

POLICY 500.9

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPLEX AREAS

The state shall be divided for administration of the public school system into complex areas each of which shall be headed by a complex area superintendent.

Principals are accountable to complex area superintendents. Complex area superintendents are accountable to the Deputy Superintendent.

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Certain functions may operate as "district" level functions, at the discretion of the Department of Education, including, but not limited to administering certain special education services.

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Exhibit B

Proposed Board Policy 500.10 (recommended for deletion)

POLICY 500.10

FUNCTIONS OF DISTRICT OFFICES

The major functions of the district office shall be:

1. Administering and supervising the programs of the department, except the public libraries, in all public schools within the district.
2. Planning, directing and evaluating all activities of the schools within the district.
3. Keep the board members of the district and the district school advisory council informed of the activities within the district.

Approved: 8/70

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