THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2010

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 08, 2010

TIME: 1:45 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 225

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

RELATING TO EDUCATION. EDH, WAM **SB 2451** Requires remote schools to be allocated funds using categorical **Testimony** allotments, rather than through the weighted student formula. Defines a remote school as any public school within a school complex that has Status the only public high school within a fifteen-mile radius or on an island. RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. EDH, WAM **SB 2336** Requires that all public schools, including charter schools, offer a **Testimony** minimum of one hundred ninety instructional days per school year. **Status SB 2579** RELATING TO EDUCATION. EDH, WAM Establishes an extended learning opportunities program within the **Testimony** department of education. Allows nonprofits and public-private partnerships to operate extended learning opportunities. Appropriates **Status** funds to establish the program. **SB 2217** RELATING TO EDUCATION. EDH, WAM Requires DOE to make technical assistance and training to support **Testimony** students with dyslexia available to teachers, educational officers, and employees providing instruction or special services for exceptional **Status** children. Requires DOE to coordinate technical assistance and training efforts with teacher preparation programs in institutions of higher learning in the State. **SB 2615** RELATING TO EDUCATION. EDH, WAM Establishes and appropriates funds for an electronic book pilot **Testimony** program for an intermediate or middle school to be selected by the department of education. **Status**

SB 2567

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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Requires the department of education (DOE) to use school-based curriculum to include teaching materials that are consistent with the federal government's Race to the Top fund selection criteria. Requires the DOE to report to the legislature recommendations for the establishment of consistent curricula and assessments and methods of optimizing economies of scale in the purchase of teaching materials for military students who are transitioning to Hawaii schools.

SB 2786

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SB 2591

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RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Requires the department of education to establish a searchable budget database website. Requires that the website be made publicly available no later than 07/01/2011.

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD.

Implements recommendations for the Hawaii teacher standards board by establishing an investigative panel; requiring the attorney general or a designee to serve as an ex officio member of the board; requiring the board to include expenditure information in the annual report; authorizing the board to delegate to the executive director powers and duties; requiring the board to determine if fees shall be raised; requiring the board to develop a comprehensive plan for transferring nonessential functions and duties to other agencies; requiring the board to review its teacher license renewal process; requiring the board and the department of education to clarify their respective powers, duties,

responsibilities.

SB 2590

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SB 2589

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SB 2587

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SB 2588

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RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Requires the department of education to consider making public school facilities available to charter schools, when public schools are closed.

RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Requires the department of education to make available vacant school facilities or portions of school facilities for use by charter schools. Requires the charter school review panel to review and approve or deny applications to use vacant school facilities or portions of school

facilities.

RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Establishes a task force to clarify sources of funding for the per-pupil funding formula for charter schools, identify discrepancies in the calculation of the formula for charter schools and non-charter schools, and recommend the portion of certain expenses that should be allocated to charter schools. Requires report to the legislature.

RELATING TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

Requires the charter school administrative office to withhold funds for its operational expenses, including salaries for staff and the executive director. The total amount of withheld funds shall be determined by the review panel and shall not exceed two per cent of the total charter

school general fund appropriation.

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RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

EDH, WAM Requires the charter school review panel (CSRP) to determine a clear

process with rigorous criteria for charter schools to be reauthorized. Requires the CSRP to reauthorize a charter school no later than three years following the initial issue of the charter, and every five years thereafter. Requires the charter school administrative office (CSAO) to withhold funds for its operational expenses, the total amount of which shall be determined by the CSRP, not exceed two per cent of the total charter school general fund appropriation. Requires the CSAO to report annually to the CSRP individual and aggregate operational and instructional expenditures of charter schools. Requires per-pupil allocation checks paid by the CSAO to individual charter schools to be co-signed by the executive director of the CSAO and an agent of the CSRP. Repeals the cap on the number of start-up and conversion charter schools.

SB 2374

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RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

EDH, WAM

Requires charter schools to maintain accounting and financial records and conduct a financial audit annually. Requires that failure to maintain records and conduct the audit result in suspension of the school's charter. Establishes a process for appealing the suspension and for revoking a charter. Authorizes the department of education to suspend the release of general funds to a charter school and requires that the charter school be ineligible for further general funds until the panel votes to remove the charter school from probation.

SB 2704

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RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

EDH, WAM

Repeals the cap on public charter schools, allows for multiple public charter school authorizers, requires public charter schools to apply for charter reauthorization, and ensures that public charter school students receive funding equal to non-charter public school students; authorizes the Governor to appoint the Charter School Review Panel with the advice and consent of the Senate; transfers the oversight of the Charter School Administrative Office from an executive director to a Deputy Superintendent of Public Charter Schools; makes technical amendments to clarify that charter schools are part of the state public education system; and improves Hawaii's ability to compete for federal funding under the Race to the Top grant program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

SB 2901

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RELATING TO FUNDING OF CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Provides a charter school, or public school as applicable, with a pro rata share of per pupil funds when a student transfers from a public school to a charter school, or vice versa, subsequent to the annual charter school student enrollment verification.

SB 2350

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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 2, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION.

Allows the student board of education member to be a voting member and mandates the election of the student board of education member by public secondary school students.

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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 2, OF **SB 2084** EDH, JGO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, TO ALLOW THE STUDENT **Testimony** MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO VOTE. Proposes an amendment to article X, section 2 of the Constitution of **Status** the State of Hawaii to allow the student member of the board of education to vote on all matters. **SB 2568** PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 2, OF EDH, JGO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, TO CHANGE THE BOARD OF **Testimony** EDUCATION FROM AN ENTIRELY ELECTED BOARD TO A PARTIALLY ELECTED, PARTIALLY APPOINTED BOARD. **Status** Proposes a constitutional amendment to require a minority, but no fewer than five, of the voting members of the board of education to be elected, as provided by law, and a majority of the voting members to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, as provided by law. **SB 2938** PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII EDH, JGO CONSTITUTION, TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE **Testimony** BOARD OF EDUCATION. Proposes a constitutional amendment to change the composition of the **Status** board of education by having 7 members elected at-large and 4 members appointed by the governor subject to senate confirmation. RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. **SB 2569** EDH. JGO Changes the board of education from an entirely elected board to a **Testimony** partially appointed, partially elected board. Establishes the board of education candidate nomination commission. **Status** PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 2, OF EDH, JGO **SB 2570** THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION. TO CHANGE THE BOARD OF **Testimony** EDUCATION FROM AN ELECTED BOARD TO AN APPOINTED BOARD. **Status** Proposes a constitutional amendment to require voting members of the board of education to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, as provided by law. RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. SB 2571 EDH, JGO Establishes the board of education candidate nomination commission **Testimony** to nominate candidates for the board of education to be appointed by the governor. **Status** A BILL PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII EDH, JGO **SB 2242** CONSTITUTION RELATING TO EDUCATION. **Testimony** Amends the state constitution to remove from the board of education the power to appoint the superintendent of education. Authorizes the Status governor to appoint the superintendent of education. **SB 2958** PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 2, OF EDH. JGO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, TO CHANGE THE BOARD OF **Testimony** EDUCATION TO AN APPOINTED BOARD. Proposes amendments to the state constitution to allow for the Status governor to appoint the board of education members as opposed to

being elected by voters.

SB 2959 RELATING TO EDUCATION. EDH, JGO

Authorizes the governor, instead of the board of education, to appoint

the superintendent of education.

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SB 2961 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 3, OF EDH, JGO

THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, TO REMOVE THE POWER OF

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPOINT THE

Status SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, TO ENABLE THE

GOVERNOR TO APPOINT THE SUPERINTENDENT AS

PROVIDED BY LAW.

Proposes an amendment to the state constitution to remove the power of the board of education to appoint the superintendent of education.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 230, State Capitol.
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