

THE SENATE
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

[COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION](#)
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 9, 2026
TIME: 1:05 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: EDU

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

Due to predicted severe weather conditions, the State Capitol building will be closed on Monday, February 9, 2026. This meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

SB 2602 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND. Requires that excess funds in the University of Hawaii tuition and fees special fund at the end of the fiscal year lapse to the credit of the general fund.	EDU, WAM
SB 2658 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Requires the Board of Regents to expend funds appropriated to renew, improve, or modernize existing University of Hawaii facilities for only those purposes and not for current, ongoing, or anticipated capital improvement projects. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.	EDU, WAM
SB 3229 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Authorizes the use of the University of Hawaii tuition and special fees fund to conduct donor evaluations. Requires the related report to the Legislature include any donor evaluations conducted using moneys from the fund.	EDU, WAM
SB 2659 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS. Prohibits active employees of the University of Hawaii or the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii from serving on the Board of Regents.	EDU, JDC

<u>SB 3286</u> <u>— Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Requires the University of Hawaii to develop a facilities and student housing master plan. Requires reports to the Legislature.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 2802</u> <u>— Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates moneys to establish bachelor's degree programs in education and in agricultural science at Leeward Community College and to fund 2 FTE positions and supplies to support the programs.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 3050</u> <u>— Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO A MARITIME YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY PROGRAM. Directs Honolulu Community College, in partnership with state agencies and maritime employers, to conduct a study and develop a plan for a statewide Maritime Youth Apprenticeship Program for individuals ages 16 to 24. Requires a report to the Legislature with recommendations on program structure, resource needs, proposed legislation and implementation options. Appropriates moneys.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 3238</u> <u>— Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS. Establishes a language access education and workforce development program at the University of Hawaii. Appropriates moneys.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 3062</u> <u>— Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO LIQUOR. Provides that the University of Hawaii and its campuses and state libraries may utilize liquor in certain educational settings without obtaining liquor licenses, subject to certain limitations.	EDU, CPN

~~Decision Making to follow if time permits.~~

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Chair