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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1934](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO LIBRARIES.
Requires the State Librarian to establish an Imagination Library of Hawaii Program to provide one free book each month to children from birth through five years of age who reside in the State. Appropriates funds.

EDN, FIN

[HB 2004](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.
Extends the Librarian Pilot Program established by Act 135, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025, through 2030. Authorizes the Department of Education to select a second school complex on Oahu to be part of the pilot program if no appropriate school complex on the neighbor islands can be identified.

EDN, FIN



HB 2398 Status	RELATING TO LIBRARIES. Clarifies that the Board of Education, through the State Librarian, has exclusive authority over the development, use, support, and improvement and maintenance of public library system facilities. Authorizes the Board of Education to delegate to the State Librarian exclusive control of certain land for development or expansion purposes, subject to legislative appropriation. Requires the Department of Education to expeditiously cooperate with the State Librarian and Hawaii State Public Library System to effectuate any project authorized by the Board of Education on certain lands.	EDN, FIN
HB 1764, HD1 (HSCR33-26) Status	RELATING TO THE MUSIC ACCESSIBILITY PILOT PROGRAM. Establishes the Music Accessibility Pilot Program within the Hawaii State Public Library System to expand access to public concerts and musical education throughout the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	CAA, EDN, FIN
HB 2577 Status	RELATING TO LICENSING OF ELECTRONIC LITERARY MATERIAL. Establishes limits and restrictions on licensing contracts between libraries and publishers for electronic literary materials and provides options for remedy. Suspends enforcement until at least one other state enacts a similar law.	EDN, FIN
HB 2376 Status	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires home schooled students to participate in certain annual in person tests at the public school that the student would otherwise be required to attend.	EDN, FIN
HB 1634 Status	RELATING TO EDUCATION EQUITY. Requires the Department of Education to permit the participation of eligible homeschooled students in public high school extracurricular activities, subject to certain requirements and limitations.	EDN, FIN
HB 1891 Status	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to implement dyslexia sensitive linguistically appropriate universal screenings and evidence-based interventions, offer professional development on structured literacy and evidenced-based interventions, and support pre-teacher programs in training candidates in structured literacy instruction. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN
HB 1894 Status	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to include the instruction of braille and provision of braille instructional materials under certain circumstances; provide braille literacy support services; cooperate with the Department of Human Services when requested to submit information necessary to maintain a register of the blind in the State; provide comprehensive information about braille literacy services, assistive technology devices, and assistive technology services, including educational programming options; and participate in the development of section 504 plans and individualized education programs.	EDN, FIN



HB 1896 Status	RELATING TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to support community schools.	EDN, FIN
HB 2567 Status	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Establishes the Early Childhood Education Investment Special Fund. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN
HB 2399 Status	RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING. Appropriates funds to the State Public Charter School Commission for prekindergarten-only public charter schools.	EDN, FIN
HB 2397 Status	RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES. Transfers school impact fees from the Kalihi-Ala Moana school impact district to the School Impact Fees subaccount of the School Facilities Special Fund for the acquisition and renovation of one or more buildings in the downtown Honolulu area to develop and expand pre-kindergarten and charter school capacity.	EDN, FIN
HB 2564 Status	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. Provides funding for rental or lease of facilities under legislative appropriations and bond authorizations to the state public charter school commission for the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of public charter school improvements. Appropriates general funds for infrastructure costs, rental or lease assistance, and the repair and maintenance of network infrastructure for charter schools.	EDN, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Justin H. Woodson
Chair

