

THE SENATE
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THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
TIME: 1:10 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: HHS

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A G E N D A

[HB 1574, HD2](#)

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RELATING TO THE HEALTHCARE EDUCATION LOAN
REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

Formally codifies the Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program. Requires a participant in the Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program who receives a new award on or after July 1, 2027, to remain and work in the State for a certain number of years based on the amount of financial assistance received. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

EDU/HHS, WAM

[HB 1894, HD1](#)

[\(HSCR955-26\)](#)

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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. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EDU/HHS, WAM

[HB 2159, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR807-26\)](#)
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RELATING TO HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT.
Establishes positions and appropriates funds to the University of
Hawaii to support health care workforce development in the
State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair

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