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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: EDU

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A G E N D A

[SB 3179](#)

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RELATING TO THE SAFETY OF EDUCATIONAL WORKERS.

EDU/LBT,
JDC/WAM

Requires the Department of Education and public charter schools to take certain steps to report incidents of harassment and implement procedures for handling harassment of educational workers.

[SB 2872](#)

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[Testimony](#)

RELATING TO RETIRED EDUCATION EMPLOYEES.

EDU/LBT, WAM

Requires rehirants rehired as teachers or administrators in shortage areas or in difficult-to-fill positions to be paid the entry level salary for the teacher or administrator position as negotiated in the collective bargaining unit contract. Prohibits rehired rehirants from receiving additional employment benefits. Requires the Department of Education to adopt rules.

[SB 2391](#)

[Status &](#)
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RELATING TO EDUCATION.

LBT/EDU, WAM

Pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement negotiated for Bargaining Unit (5) and subject to the availability of funds, provides annual salary step increases for public school teachers who have completed one year's satisfactory service and comply with specified requirements.

[**SB 3282**](#)

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE WORKFORCE PELL GRANT PROGRAM. Establishes a statewide framework for the implementation of the federal Workforce Pell Grant Program to provide financial aid for certain short-term workforce education and training programs. Establishes a Workforce Pell Grant Program Approval Committee within the Workforce Development Council.

LBT/EDU, WAM

Decision Making to follow if time permits.

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