

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 INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Friday, January 23, 2026
TIME: 1:00 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

The Senate Committee on Education will hold an Informational Briefing on:

1. 25-06 Audit – Department of Education and the Department of Transportation's Administration of Driver Education Programs

Responders:

Office of the Auditor:
Les Kondo, State Auditor

Department of Education:

Keith Hayashi - Superintendent
Heidi Armstrong - Deputy Superintendent of Academics
Jesse Souki - Deputy Superintendent of Operations
Teri Ushijima - Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Curricular and Instructional Design
Jan Meeker – Driver Education Resource Teacher

Department of Transportation:

Ed Sniffen - Director

2. 25-09 Audit – An update on the Department of Education's Heat Abatement Efforts.

Responders:

Office of the Auditor:
Les Kondo, State Auditor

Department of Education:

Keith Hayashi - Superintendent
Heidi Armstrong - Deputy Superintendent of Academics
Jesse Souki - Deputy Superintendent of Operations
Audrey Hidano – Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Facilities & Operation

3. Department of Education processes for ~~Medicare~~ Medicaid **[ADDED 01-22-26]** billing and reimbursement.

Responders:

Department of Education:

Keith Hayashi - Superintendent
Heidi Armstrong - Deputy Superintendent of Academics
Kinau Gardner - Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Student Support Services
Mikeal Stansbury - Officer of Student Support Services
MedQuest Representative **[ADDED 01-22-26]**

No public testimony will be accepted.

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Chair