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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

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2026  
TIME: 1:29 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: EDU

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this decision making meeting is to insert substantive provisions into the following short form bill. A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date, at which point testimony will be accepted.

**SB 896**

Proposed SD1

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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Requires the Department of Education to submit annual reports to the Legislature outlining certain information concerning capital improvement projects and facilities. Requires the reports to be posted on DOE's website annually in a searchable format. Provides that any CIP funds encumbered for more than five years without commencement of construction shall be specifically identified and justified, or shall be subject to legislative review for reversion or reassignment. Establishes a five-year pilot program authorizing the Superintendent of Education to redesignate funded, vacant positions in the Office of Facilities and Operations as positions exempt from Hawaii's Civil Service Laws for the purpose of hiring qualified professionals. (Proposed SD1)

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Establishes new requirements for teacher-led kindergarten assessments in public and charter schools. Authorizes the Board of Education to adopt rules. Repeals certain requirements for the Department of Education and State Public Charter School Commission to share data with the Department of Human Services. (Proposed SD1)

Copies of the proposed SD1 are available from the Senate Document Center and on the Legislature's Web site: [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).

**AS THIS IS A DECISION MAKING MEETING, NO TESTIMONY WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim  
Chair