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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
TIME: 1:02 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following five bills (SB3286, SB2802, SB3050, SB3238, SB3062) were originally scheduled to be heard on Monday, February 9, 2026, but due to the severe weather event over the weekend, the hearing was cancelled. All testimony previously submitted will be available to the committee and posted on the Legislature's website prior to the hearing and therefore, does not need to be resubmitted. New testimony will be accepted.

[SB 3286](#)

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

EDU, WAM

Requires the University of Hawaii to develop a facilities and student housing master plan. Requires reports to the Legislature.

[SB 2802](#)

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

EDU, WAM

Appropriates moneys to establish bachelor's degree programs in education and in agricultural science at Leeward Community College and to fund 2 FTE positions and supplies to support the programs.

[SB 3050](#)

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO A MARITIME YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY PROGRAM.

EDU, WAM

Directs Honolulu Community College, in partnership with state agencies and maritime employers, to conduct a study and develop a plan for a statewide Maritime Youth Apprenticeship Program for individuals ages 16 to 24. Requires a report to the Legislature with recommendations on program structure, resource needs, proposed legislation and implementation options. Appropriates moneys.

<u>SB 3238</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS. Establishes a language access education and workforce development program at the University of Hawaii. Appropriates moneys.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 3062</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO LIQUOR. Provides that the University of Hawaii and its campuses and state libraries may utilize liquor in certain educational settings without obtaining liquor licenses, subject to certain limitations.	EDU, CPN
<u>SB 3024</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO SEX-BASED DISCRIMINATION. Clarifies and strengthens the State's protections against sex-based harassment, sex discrimination, and retaliation that occur in public schools, public charter schools, or at the University of Hawaii, including discrimination based on gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, pregnancy, and pregnancy-related conditions. Establishes procedures for investigations and decision-making. Requires mandatory reporting by certain employees.	EDU, JDC/WAM
<u>SB 896, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2243)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. 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. (SD1)	EDU
<u>SB 895, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2242)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. 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. (SD1)	EDU
<u>SB 3262</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires that the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board submit three nominees for its Executive Director to the Board of Education. Requires the Board of Education to appoint an Executive Director from the nominees on the list, subject to advice and consent of the Senate.	EDU, JDC

<u>SB 2548</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES. Requires the School Facilities Authority to establish geographically based capital improvement project districts for the localized management of deferred maintenance. Transfers all deferred maintenance functions, funds, and vacant facilities development branch positions from the Department of Education to the School Facilities Authority as intended and contemplated in Act 72, SLH 2020. Appropriates funds.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 2550</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL MODERNIZATION. Requires the School Facilities Authority to establish a school modernization initiative through a capital improvement project planning database for school facilities statewide. Appropriates funds.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 2814</u>	RELATING TO PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES. Establishes the preventive maintenance special fund under the Department of Education to be used exclusively for preventive maintenance of public school facilities. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 2605</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES. Requires the Department of Education to make available all public school outdoor facilities and grounds on Saturdays and Sundays for public and community use without the need for any license, permit, or deposit of fees, under certain conditions. Requires reports to the Legislature. Repeals on 6/30/2030.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 2261</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires Huli Au Ola to conduct a study on physician and dentist recruitment and retention to serve the island of Molokai. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2026.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 3047</u>	RELATING TO FINANCIAL LITERACY. Requires the Department of Education to implement financial literacy instruction into existing courses in public high schools that have sufficient overlap with financial literacy program standards beginning in the 2027-2028 school year. Requires the Board of Education to provide professional development to teachers. Allows the Board of Education to adopt rules. Appropriates funds.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 3116</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Updates Hawaii's statutory framework for adult and community education programs to ensure alignment with federal funding requirements and current best practices in those programs.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 3118</u>	<u>RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN.</u> Updates references to the United States Code in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.	EDU, JDC [Measure added on 02-18-2026]

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Chair