

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 23, 2026
TIME: 1:11 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 1970, HD2 (HSCR1098-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER. Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center Hawaii Tumor Registry. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	EDU, WAM
HB 1896, HD1 (HSCR958-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to support community schools. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDU, WAM
HB 1891, HD1 (HSCR938-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to implement dyslexia sensitive linguistically appropriate universal screenings and evidence-based interventions, offer professional development on structured literacy and evidenced-based interventions, and support pre-teacher programs in training candidates in structured literacy instruction. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDU, WAM

HB 1840, HD2

(HSCR1042-26)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Permits the Department of Education and charter schools to hire unlicensed individuals as teachers on an emergency basis for five, rather than three, years. Requires the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board extend the five-year period in the case of a declared state of emergency. Establishes a graduation goal for the University of Hawaii and requires a report to the Legislature on the progress toward achieving that goal. Requires the Department of Education to provide training to assist emergency hires in passing the Praxis examination and require the training be mandatory for emergency hires in their fourth and fifth years as a condition of employment. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

EDU, WAM

HB 2293, HD2

(HSCR1136-26)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO THE HARM TO STUDENTS REGISTRY.

Clarifies the scope of the Department of Education's harm to students registry by excluding K-12 students and by providing that contractors and volunteers are included only if their roles involves interaction with students. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Chair