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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 HEARING

DATE: Monday, April 6, 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

<a href="#">SCR 112 / SR 105</a> <a href="#">Proposed SD1 / Proposed SD1</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony / Status &amp; Testimony</a>	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE COMPLETION OF COMPREHENSIVE COURSEWORK IN THE SCIENCE OF READING AS A CONDITION FOR GRADUATION FROM ANY STATE-APPROVED EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM LEADING TO TEACHER LICENSURE. (Proposed SD1)	EDU
<a href="#">SCR 114 / SR 107</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony / Status &amp; Testimony</a>	REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE AND MANAGEMENT AUDITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES.	EDU
<a href="#">SCR 198 / SR 186</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony / Status &amp; Testimony</a>	REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE AND FISCAL AUDIT OF THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.	EDU

<p><a href="#"><u>SCR 101 / SR 95</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony / Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE SCHOOL BUSES USED FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO ELECTRIC BUSES TO EXPAND THE BENEFITS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED IN OTHER PLACES.</p>	<p>EDU</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SCR 113 / SR 106</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony / Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE DETAILING FARM-TO-SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION, LOCAL FOOD PROCUREMENT, REGIONAL KITCHEN ALIGNMENT, AND FEDERAL FARM-TO-SCHOOL GRANT PARTICIPATION.</p>	<p>EDU</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SCR 194 / SR 183</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony / Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MEET THE CRITERIA NECESSARY TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE CHEERLEADING AS A TITLE IX SPORT IN HAWAII.</p>	<p>EDU</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SCR 195 / SR 192</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony / Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO REVISE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A STANDALONE FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE.</p>	<p>EDU</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SCR 196 / SR 184</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony / Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A STANDARDIZED BELL SCHEDULE FRAMEWORK FOR DEPARTMENT SCHOOLS.</p>	<p>EDU</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SCR 200 / SR 188</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony / Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MICRO-CREDENTIAL PILOT PROGRAM DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN AND THE HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.</p>	<p>EDU</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SCR 203 / SR 191</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony / Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p><u>URGING THIS BODY TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE SUPPORT SYSTEMS AVAILABLE TO STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRALIZED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SIMILAR SERVICE COOPERATIVE WOULD PROVIDE IMPROVED SUPPORT TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.</u></p>	<p>EDU  <b><u>[Measure added on 04-02-26]</u></b></p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim  
Chair