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Informational Briefing on GEAR UP Hawaii to be Held at Waipahu High School

Honolulu – In light of National GEAR UP Week, the Senate and House Committees on Education will be holding an informational briefing to receive an overview of the federally-funded program GEAR UP Hawaii (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs).

The briefing will be held on **Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at the Waipahu High School Library at 9:30 a.m.**

“With National GEAR UP Week underway, this is the ideal time for us to go out and do an informational briefing at a school that has been recognized nationally for both its students and early college success,” said Senator Jill Tokuda, chair of the Senate Committee on Education. “We need to ensure that our middle and high school students have equal access, and are aware and take advantage of every opportunity available to them in order to thrive in both college and career.”

Funded through the U.S. Department of Education, GEAR UP Hawaii seeks to significantly increase the number of low-income middle and high school students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. Run under the Hawaii P-20 Partnership for Education, the program is comprised of several public, nonprofit, and private sector partners. GEAR UP Hawaii serves over 16,000 public school students in grades 7 to 12 through the first year in college across the State of Hawaii each year.

Representatives from the following have been invited to present:

- Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education
- GEAR UP Hawaii
- Hawaii State Department of Education
- GEAR UP Nanakuli-Waianae - UH West Oahu
- GEAR UP Waipahu - UH Manoa
- Principal, Waipahu High School

There are three programs in Hawaii: the Statewide GEAR UP Hawaii, GEAR UP Partnership between UH West Oahu and Nanakuli-Waianae Intermediate and High Schools, and GEAR UP Partnership between UH Manoa and Waipahu Intermediate and High Schools.

Waipahu High School GEAR UP and Early College students will be in attendance. For more information please see: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2013/hearingnotices/HEARING_EDU-EDN_09-24-13_INFO_.HTM.

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