

THE SENATE  
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

[COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION](#)  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair  
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2020  
TIME: 2:45p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 229  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

[HB 2543, HD1](#)

[\(HSCR961-20\)](#)

[Status &  
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ACCESS TO LEARNING.

Requires parents or guardians of public school and charter school kindergarten students to disclose information on the student's prior child care program or prekindergarten attendance, if any, for the purpose of determining areas having the highest need for prekindergarten and child care programs. Requires assessment of public school and charter school kindergarten students. Removes public charter school prekindergarten programs from the administrative authority of the Executive Office on Early Learning. Establishes the preschool open doors special fund. Expands Preschool Open Doors Program eligibility from 4-year-old children to all children who are 3- to 4-years old who are in the 2 years prior to kindergarten entry. Requires annual reporting regarding the revenues and expenditures of the early learning special fund. Establishes a program for the Department of Human Services to award grants for preschools. Appropriates funds and authorizes positions for the Preschool Open Doors Program. Appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to expand its information technology system for the purpose of managing information on prekindergarten attendance and child care need and to contract for and operate preschool and child care programs. Establishes the Early Learning Coordinator position within the Office of the Governor. Establishes the goal of providing all children who are 3 to 4 years old who are in the 2 years prior to kindergarten entry with enrollment in a preschool program by the year 2030 and assigns that responsibility to the Early Learning Coordinator. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for building classrooms for Hawaiian language immersion pre-kindergarten programs. Appropriates funds for building early learning services classrooms on public library property. Appropriates funds. (HB2543 HD1)

EDU, WAM

**HB 2412, HD2**

(HSCR1012-20)

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED EDUCATION.  
Requires DOE to establish a three-year pilot program for the development and implementation of a trauma-informed education program in the Castle, Kailua, and Kalaheo complex areas, based on the Nanakuli-Waianae complex area trauma-informed education programs and report to the legislature. Appropriates funds. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (HD2)

EDU, WAM

**HB 1529, HD2**

(HSCR1010-20)

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO STUDENT JOURNALISTS.  
Allows student journalists at public schools to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press in school-sponsored media. Takes effect on July 1, 2050. (HD2)

EDU, JDC/WAM

**Decision Making to follow, if time permits.**

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani  
Chair