

THE SENATE
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

[COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION](#)

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

MEASURES DEFERRED TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2020
TIME: 2:45 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

[HB2543 HD1](#)
[\(HSCR961-20\)](#)
[Status and Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ACCESS TO LEARNING.

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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)

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

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