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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 8, 2021
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229

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A G E N D A

<u>SB 813</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. Requires authorizers to provide to each charter schools it oversees a list of approved independent auditors.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 814</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. Clarifies the process for applicants to submit a letter of intent to apply to open and operate a charter school. Provides for penalties for authorizers who fail to timely comply with board decisions.	EDU, JDC
<u>SB 864</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. Requires that a minimum of two of the three auditors selected by the authorizer for the State's public charter schools have offices on the neighbor islands.	EDU, WAM
<u>SB 808</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AGENCY. Describes the powers and responsibilities of the school facilities agency by amending Act 72, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020. Transfers the total fund balance in the state educational improvement fund to the school facilities special fund by a certain date.	EDU, WAM/JDC

<p><u>SB 136</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AGENCY.</p> <p>Requires the department of education school facilities agency to adopt and publish administrative rules necessary to implement Act 72, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, by July 1, 2021. Requires the office of the governor to provide a report to the legislature regarding the process by which the department of education purchases land and executes capital improvement project contracts through the school facilities agency.</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 863</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.</p> <p>Requires the department of education to conduct an electrical assessment on all public and charter schools in the State to determine whether its electrical capacity will allow for the installation of air conditioning units and other air purifying devices and note the level of need in each classroom. Requires the department of education to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than December 31, 2021.</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 365</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO STUDENT INFORMED CONSENT.</p> <p>Allows public school students in grades kindergarten through 12 to decline participation in dissection, vivisection, and other procedures harmful to animals. Requires schools to make alternative educational projects available, and the board of education to develop rules and give notice to all schools.</p>	<p>EDU, JDC</p>
<p><u>SB 843</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.</p> <p>Authorizes department of education teachers to instruct vocation, technical, or career pathway classes without possessing an applicable bachelor's degree. Expands the sources of moneys that may be deposited into the private trade, vocational, and technical school special fund, and the purposes for which the fund may be used. Appropriates moneys.</p>	<p>EDU, WAM/JDC</p>
<p><u>SB 1004</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION.</p> <p>Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, requires the department of education to include the teaching of financial literacy in the personal/transition plan requirement for each student.</p>	<p>EDU, JDC</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair