

THE SENATE  
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2021

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
TIME: 3:15 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

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A G E N D A

**HB 608, HD2**

[Proposed SD1](#)

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RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

EDU, JDC

Requires the board of education to hold no less than six community forums annually, with at least one forum in each county. Requires the board to include an open forum for public comments on non-agenda items. Requires a report to the legislature on implementing open forums. Eliminates the superintendent of education as a voting member constituting the public employer for the purpose of negotiating a collective bargaining agreement with personnel of the department of education. Effective 7/1/2050. (Proposed SD1)

Copies of the proposed SD 1 are available from the Senate Document Center and on the Legislature's website:  
[www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani  
Chair