



The Senate

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Hawaii State Senate Celebrates Education

HONOLULU -- Education will once again be the focus of an interactive week-long celebration at the State Capitol from March 14-22, 2011. Various educational stakeholders and organizations that make a difference in the lives of Hawaii's students will be participating in the legislature's 8th Annual Education Week. During House and Senate Floor Sessions, legislators will also be honoring various individuals and schools, such as Milken Award educators, district teachers of the year, principals of the year, and Hawaii Blue Ribbon Schools.

The event is being organized by the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Education. Focused on highlighting the success of our schools and our students, this year's celebration will include programs and events that bring everyone, from our youngest of keiki to our most mature kūpuna, to the State Capitol to educate and engage with policymakers.

Some highlights include:

- University of Hawaii System culinary students' cooking demonstration
- Early Learning Council will feature preschoolers in their presentation
- University of Hawaii System Medical School students will be taking blood pressures
- Hawaii Public Charter Schools will be giving out frozen yogurt with 31 different toppings, which represents Hawaii's 31 charter schools
- High School students will engage in the legislative process by learning about it, then testify on bills before several Senate Committees.
- Robotics demonstrations by several high school teams

Below is a calendar of the events:

MONDAY, MARCH 14

University of Hawaii Culinary Students, Agriculture programs and Sustainability programs:
open house and demonstrations

Time: 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Place: Room 224 and 225

Signing of SB8 by Governor Abercrombie

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Place: Washington Place

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Early Learning Council Framework Presentation and Breakfast

(Preschoolers to perform)

Time: 7:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Place: Room 224

Robotics demonstrations by several high school teams

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Place: Capitol Rotunda

University of Hawaii Engineering, Medicine and Nursing, Science, Technology and Digital Media programs: open house and demonstrations

Time: 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Place: Room 224 and 225

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

"31 Flavors of Hawaii's Public Charter Schools"

(Charter schools to pass out frozen yogurt in with 31 different toppings, representing 31 Hawaii Charter Schools)

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Place: Room 224

Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs/ 21st Century Schools Presentation

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Place: Room 225

Senate Floor Presentations: 2010 State Librarian of the Year, 2010 Library's Excellence in Service Awards, 2009 Presidential Awards for Math and Science Teaching, DOE's Kūpuna Program 30th Anniversary

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Senate Floor

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program:

Presentation by Campbell High and Washington Middle students

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Place: Room 224

Hawaii P-20 Partnerships in Education: P-3 Initiative, Step-Up Program and Gear Up open house

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Place: Room 225

Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Day at the Capitol

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Place: Auditorium

Senate and House Floor Presentations: 2010 Milken Family Foundation Educator Awards, 2011 Blue Ribbon Schools, 2010 National Distinguished Principals

Time: 11:30 a.m. (Senate) 12:00 p.m. (House)

Place: Senate/House Chambers

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Hawaii Education Matters:

open house focusing on healthy meals and healthy foods in schools

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Place: Room 224

Legislative Training Session and High School Student Hearing Day with the Committees on EDU, ENE, and HTH

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Room 225

Senate and House Floor Presentations: 2011 Hawaii Teachers of the Year

Time: 11:30 a.m. (Senate) 12:00 p.m. (House)

Place: Senate/House Chambers

MONDAY, MARCH 21 to TUESDAY, MARCH 22

University of Hawaii Student Shadow Days

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