

THE SENATE  
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2022

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 16, 2022  
TIME: 3:10 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

**PHOTO ID AND PROOF OF 1) FULL VACCINATION OR 2) A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST TAKEN WITHIN 72-HOURS REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE TO THE STATE CAPITOL BEGINNING ON MARCH 7, 2022  
BUILDING HOURS: 7AM TO 5PM, MONDAY - FRIDAY**

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A G E N D A

[HB 1561, HD1](#)

[\(HSCR872-22\)](#)

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RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Establishes within the department of education a workforce readiness program to provide opportunities for students to earn associate degrees, workforce development diplomas, pre-apprenticeship certificates, and other industry-recognized certificates. Requires the department to designate schools, including adult community schools, to participate in the program. Appropriates funds for the workforce readiness program and two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) adult workforce readiness program coordinator positions. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

Pending re-referral  
to: EDU, WAM

[HB 1834, HD2](#)

[\(HSCR817-22\)](#)

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RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Requires the DOE to establish and administer the strong students grant pilot program to provide grants for eligible education expenses to eligible students. Requires the DOE to submit progress reports to the legislature prior to the 2023 and 2024 regular sessions. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. Effective 7/1/2051. (HD2)

EDU, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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"Testimony" icon on the home page to get started. While submitting your written testimony, you will be prompted to indicate if you would also like to testify at the hearing in-person or remotely via videoconference.

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- Testifiers for this hearing will be limited to **1 minutes** each.

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani  
Chair