

THE SENATE  
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THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2023  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

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| <a href="#">HB 960, HD1</a><br><a href="#">(HSCR888)</a><br><a href="#">Status &amp;<br/>Testimony</a> | RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY.<br>Transfers \$200,000,000 of general funds previously appropriated to the school facilities authority of the department of education to the school facilities special fund. Appropriates an unspecified amount of funds out of the school facilities special fund for the school facilities authority to expand access to eligible children for pre-kindergarten. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)  | EDU, WAM |
| <a href="#">HB 961, HD1</a><br><a href="#">(HSCR928)</a><br><a href="#">Status &amp;<br/>Testimony</a> | RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.<br>Appropriates funds for the preschool open doors program and executive office on early learning to expand access to preschool and to implement program changes required by previous acts. Expands the types of entities from which a preschool open doors service provider may obtain accreditation. Expands the preschool open doors program application process to eligible three-year-old children. Authorizes the preschool open doors special fund to accept federal funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1) | EDU, WAM |

**HB 503, HD2**

(HSCR1109)

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION.

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Requires the board of education to work with the department of education to conduct an analysis on the need, impact, and feasibility of making computer science a graduation requirement. Requires the board to determine whether making computer science a graduation requirement would be in the best interests of public school students and the public. Requires a report to the legislature. Appropriates funds for teacher professional development in computer science. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani  
Chair