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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
TIME: 2:01 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 424](#)
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RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.
Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, requires the Department of Education to provide free breakfast and lunch to students enrolled in a public school who meet certain requirements. Appropriates funds.

EDN, FIN

[HB 757](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.
Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, requires the Department of Education to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in department schools. Appropriates funds.

EDN, FIN

[HB 1075](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.
Amends the law to reduce the amount the Department of Education is required to charge for school meals to all students enrolled in department schools.

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| <u>HB 1500</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS. Repeals the authority of the Department of Education to set the price for school meals. | EDN, FIN |
| <u>HB 1293</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT. Exempts Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products less than a certain amount from the electronic procurement system requirement. Requires at least three written quotes for Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products between certain amounts. Requires at least two written quotes for Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products between certain amounts for certain schools in rural communities. Sunsets 6/30/2028. | EDN, FIN |
| <u>HB 333</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO EDUCATION. Beginning with the - school year, requires public elementary, middle, and high school classes to start no earlier than 8:30 a.m. Requires the Department of Education to adjust state-provided bus and school meal schedules accordingly. | EDN, FIN |
| <u>HB 288</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS SERVICES. Authorizes the Department of Education to use alternative vehicles for student transportation under certain conditions and appropriates funds for the purchase of alternative vehicles and individuals to obtain CDL licensure. Allows Department schools to initiate staggered start times. Appropriates funds. | EDN, FIN |
| <u>HB 683</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION. Establishes and appropriates funds for student transportation coordinators positions within the Department of Education to strengthen student transportation services across the State. | EDN, FIN |
| <u>HB 861</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Designates student transportation as critical infrastructure and a critical service for Hawaii's public education system. Requires all school bus contracts between the State and the contractor to include certain standards, performance metrics, and accountability requirements to prevent service disruptions. | EDN, FIN |
| <u>HB 862</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. Authorizes the use of motorcoaches, small buses, and vans for school bus services if certain conditions are met. | EDN, FIN |
| <u>HB 619</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Board of Education to adopt and enact a policy by the 2026-2027 school year directing Department of Education public schools to incorporate financial literacy education in the school's curriculum. | EDN, FIN |
| <u>HB 1343</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Board of Education to adopt a policy that bans the use of phones and related devices by students during school hours. | EDN, JHA |



[HB 241, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR57\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CHILD CARE.

HSH, EDN, FIN

Establishes a child care classroom contracts pilot program to require the Department of Human Services to contract directly with child care center providers in licensed infant and toddler child care centers and group child care centers that meet certain criteria. Requires reports to the Legislature. Sunsets the pilot program on 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Justin H. Woodson
Chair

