

THE SENATE
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 10, 2025
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

HB 622, HD1 (HSCR797) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Changes the due date of the Department of Education's computer science legislative report from June 30 to twenty days prior to the start of each legislative regular session. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDU
HB 1065, HD1 (HSCR858) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR SPECIAL FUND. Requires stipend funds repaid by a stipend recipient under the Hawaii Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program to be deposited into the Early Learning Special Fund. Repeals the Hawaii Early Childhood Educator Special Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDU, WAM
HB 904, HD1 (HSCR854) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. Repeals the requirement for the Board of Education to annually report to the Legislature, Governor, and the public on public charter schools. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDU

HB 620, HD1

(HSCR1101)

**Status &
Testimony**

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

EDU, WAM

Establishes state policy to promote braille literacy for eligible blind students. Requires the individualized education programs and section 504 plans of eligible blind students to include the assessment and evaluation of eligible blind students' reading and writing abilities, instruction of braille, and provision of braille instructional materials under certain circumstances. Requires the Department of Education to establish a Braille Literacy Resource Center. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani
Chair