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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A #1

[HB 133, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR758\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO SURFING.
Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to support the establishment of surfing as an interscholastic sport. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

CAA, EDN, FIN

[HB 904, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR562\)](#)
[Status](#)

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)

EDN, FIN



<u>HB 1065, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR756)</u> <u>Status</u>	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)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 429, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR338)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING. Appropriates funds to hire teachers and teacher assistants and for equipment and services for public preschools. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 754, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR465)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for community schools and a program manager position. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 624, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR555)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS. Creates a School Psychologists Working Group to recommend actionable steps or propose legislation for an immediate pathway to licensure for school psychologists that can be acted upon in 2026. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 637, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR345)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to implement dyslexia-sensitive universal screenings and evidence-based interventions, offer professional development on structured literacy and evidenced-based interventions, and support pre-teacher programs in training candidates in structured literacy instruction. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 961, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR462)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Establishes and appropriates funds for a two-year librarian pilot program to serve one school complex on Oahu and one school complex on an island other than Oahu. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 962, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR463)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to establish and administer a two-year school librarian pilot program to provide funding for qualifying schools to hire librarians. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 683, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR570)</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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 424, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR564)</u> <u>Status</u>	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. Reduces the amount the Department of Education is authorized to charge for school meals to all students enrolled in department schools to no more than one-quarter of the cost of preparing the meals. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN



<u>HB 1293, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR567)</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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 987, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR468)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Establishes a procurement automation system special fund. Adds the Executive Director of the School Facilities Authority as a chief procurement officer. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 763, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR344)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CIVIC EDUCATION. Establishes the civic education trust fund to support programs benefiting civic education of public school students. Appropriates funds for the expansion of civic education in the public schools and for full-time equivalent permanent civic education resource teacher positions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 1234, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR757)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WATER SAFETY. Requires, and appropriates funds for, the Department of Education to establish a standards-based Water Safety Education Pilot Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 88, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR179)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO STUDENT ATHLETES. Requires the Department of Education to establish and administer a three-year student athlete travel pilot program to provide funding for intra-county travel expenses for student athletes of counties with a population of less than 500,000. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/28. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 627, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR342)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for positions to implement and maintain school safety measures. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 329, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR736)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY. Clarifies that the School Facilities Authority is responsible for projects for facilities for prekindergarten, preschool, child care, and early learning programs; workforce housing; and any public school development, planning, and construction assigned by the Legislature, Governor, or Board of Education. Allows the School Facilities Authority to use the Department of Education for certain recruitment and hiring responsibilities. Allows the School Facilities Authority to partner with public and private development agencies to develop prekindergarten facilities. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	EDN, JHA, FIN



[HB 636, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR467\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.
Establishes a school capital improvement project modernization initiative in the School Facilities Authority to create a planning database for school facilities. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EDN, FIN

[HB 1437, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR755\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS.
Establishes a general excise tax exemption on the gross proceeds or gross income received from sales of commodities or services that benefit nonprofit schools. Effective 1/1/3000. (HD1)

EDN, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

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Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita
Chair



