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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2025
TIME: 2 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 1200 Status	RELATING TO TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIOS. Codifies the board of education's policy for class sizes to promote quality education and positive student-teacher interactions. Informs parents if changes to class sizes are needed.	EDN, FIN
HB 1344 Status	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education's existing Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) working group to create a state plan to make completion of the FAFSA or an opt-out waiver a statewide graduation requirement by the 2027-2028 school year. Requires a report to the 2026 legislature.	EDN, FIN
HB 1499 Status	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Expands the Department of Education's authority to allow more trained staff to volunteer to assist students with the administration of medication.	EDN, CPC



<u>HB 902</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to conduct a study on methods to support department schools that may be impacted by the Hawaiian Electric Company's Planned Public Safety Power Shutoff program.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 961</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 a neighbor island.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 962</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.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 730</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Establishes, and appropriates funds for, five full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) positions within the Civil Rights Compliance Branch of the Department of Education.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 754</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for community schools and a program manager position.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 1069</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Adds two voting members that represent the Department of Education or the Board of Education to the School Facilities Authority Board.	EDN, JHA
<u>HB 636</u> <u>Status</u>	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.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 987</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Establishes a procurement automation system special fund and aligns section 103D-203(b), HRS, with section 302A-1702, HRS, which added the Executive Director of the School Facilities Authority as a chief procurement officer.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB 901</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS. Authorizes public charters schools to appeal directly to the Board of Education on matters regarding the schools' operations, governance, or funding, with certain exceptions.	EDN, JHA
<u>HB 904</u> <u>Status</u>	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.	EDN, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Justin H. Woodson
Chair

