

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: Wednesday, February 5, 2025
TIME: 3:05 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 789 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO SCHOOL CAFETERIA MEAL COSTS. Repeals requirement that Department of Education set school cafeteria meal price at no less than half the cost of meal preparation.	EDU, WAM
SB 449 Status & Testimony	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.	EDU, WAM
SB 423 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD. Adds the Director of the Hawaii Head Start State Collaboration Office, or their designee, as an ex officio, non-voting member to the Early Learning Board. Requires the Early Learning Board to invite the President of the Head Start Association of Hawaii, or their designee, to serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board.	EDU
SB 1384 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR SPECIAL FUND. Amends section 302L-9(e), HRS, to require stipend funds repaid by a stipend recipient pursuant to section 302L-9(d), HRS, to be deposited into the early learning special fund established pursuant to section 302L-5, HRS. Repeals section 302L-10, HRS.	EDU, WAM

Requires the Board of Education to adopt administrative rules to ban the usage of cell phones at Department of Education schools.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani
Chair