

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, March 12, 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 429, HD1 (HSCR849) Status & Testimony	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)	EDU, WAM
HB 133, HD2 (HSCR863) Status & Testimony	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)	EDU, WAM
HB 961, HD1 (HSCR856) Status & Testimony	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)	EDU, WAM
HB 754, HD2 (HSCR1025) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for community schools and a program manager position. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	EDU, WAM
HB 1437, HD2 (HSCR1027) Status & Testimony	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. (HD2)	EDU, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani
Chair