

THE SENATE  
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 13, 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

<a href="#">HB 563, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1103)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S SPACE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INITIATIVE. Appropriates funds for salaries and fringe benefits of positions for the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy's Space Science and Engineering Initiative Workforce Development Program, Maunakea Scholars Program, and Internship Program. Appropriates funds for office equipment and supplies, operational costs, and stipends for the Maunakea Scholars Program and Internship Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HRE, WAM
<a href="#">HB 1337, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1111)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO ENDEMIC PLANTS. Requires the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience to establish an endemic plant seed bank pilot program to preserve and promote the planting of plant species that are endemic to Hawaii. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HRE, WAM
<a href="#">HB 3, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1030)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU. Extends the deadline for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to submit the North Shore Beach Management Plan to the Governor and Legislature. Extends the appropriation lapse date to 6/30/2026. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HRE, WAM

**HB 1345, HD1**

Proposed SD1

(HSCR920)

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO TEACHER EDUCATION.

HRE, WAM

Authorizes the Department of Education to subsidize all tuition and mandatory fees for a resident student enrolled in a four-year college campus of the University of Hawaii System with an education program or that offers an education degree for the semester or term that the student enrolls in a State-Approved Teacher Education Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (Proposed SD1)

Copies of the proposed SD 1 are available from the Senate Document Center and on the Legislature's website:  
[www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim  
Chair