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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, January 30, 2020
TIME: 2:20 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 309
        State Capitol
        415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 1996
Status
RELATING TO EDUCATION.
Requires the BOE to include evaluation of the Strive HI Performance
System factors as a component of the superintendent of education's
annual performance evaluation. Requires improvements in at least
one-half of those factors for any salary increase for the superintendent.
Repeals 6/30/2024.

HB 1988
Status
RELATING TO EDUCATION.
Extends the requirement that the Board of Education release from
school attendance students observing holy days to the observation of
other religious practices.

HB 2510
Status
RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
Requires the Board of Education to hold no less than six community
forums annually, with at least one forum in each county. Requires the
Board to include an open forum for public comments on non-agenda
items at the end of each public meeting through June 30, 2025.
Requires a report to the Legislature on implementing open forums.

HB 1529
Status
RELATING TO STUDENT JOURNALISTS.
Allows student journalists at public schools to exercise freedom of
speech and freedom of the press in school-sponsored media.

HB 2740
Status
RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
Requires the Department of Education to establish food waste and
plant-based alternative meal goals by 1/1/2035, as part of the
Sustainable Schools Initiative.
RB 1990 RELATING TO TAXATION. LHE, TRN, FIN

Status Permanently directs specified percentages of the general excise tax revenues to the Department of Education to augment its capacity and infrastructure and to the Department of Transportation to protect the state highway system from the threat of inundation and damage caused by climate change. Directs specified percentages of revenues from a new, temporary state improvement surcharge to the foregoing purposes and to certain state funds.

HB 2092 RELATING TO SCHOOLS. LHE, LAB, FIN

Status Establishes within the DOE the workforce readiness program within the adult community schools program. Appropriates funds.

HB 2694 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION. LHE, JUD, FIN

Status Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the state public charter school commission to pay the claim and settlement amount pursuant to Miller-Potter v. State of Hawaii, et al., Civil No. 16-1-0385K.

HB 2695 RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. LHE, LAB, FIN

Status Amends the performance framework requirements for charter schools. Amends authorizers' reporting and audit requirements. Amends authorizers' responsibilities in reviewing charter applications.

RB 2258 RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. LHE, JUD, FIN

Status Prohibits the expulsion and establishes limitations for suspension of children participating in the Executive Office on Early Learning Public Prekindergarten Program.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. Testimony should indicate:

- Testifier's name with position/title and organization;
- The Committee(s) to which the comments are directed;
- The date and time of the hearing; and
- Measure number.

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 be distributed to the Committee after the hearing.

Submit testimony in ONE of the following ways:

PAPER: 5 copies (including an original) to Room 304 in the State Capitol;
FAX: For testimony less than 5 pages in length, transmit to 808-586-6381 (Oahu) or 1-800-535-3859 (for Neighbor Islander without a computer to submit testimony through e-mail or the Web); or

Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids and/or services to participate in the House public hearing process (i.e., sign or foreign language interpreter or wheelchair accessibility), please contact the Committee Clerk at 586-6343 or email your request for an interpreter to HouseInterpreter@Capitol.hawaii.gov at least 24 hours prior to the hearing for arrangements. Prompt requests submitted help to ensure the availability of qualified individuals and appropriate accommodations.

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