



Legislative News

There are number of important Coalition supported or opposed bills being heard on Monday March 10 and Wednesday March 12 of this week. On Monday, March 10, the Senate Education Committee will be hearing a bill relating to the **DOE Superintendent Salary** and on Wednesday, March 12, the same Committee will be hearing some of the bills on **Early Learning** and the bills relating to **Afterschool Programs**. Also on March 12, the House Education Committee will be hearing bills on **Instructional Hours for Students** and **Air Conditioning**. Please see the details in the list below. We encourage members to participate by giving oral testimony on behalf of the Coalition or providing testimony on behalf of their own organizations. Please join us by getting involved in the legislative process! If you should need help with submitting testimony, please let us know.

The list below is an update of bills that the Coalition is taking a position on, or bills that members have expressed interest in following. Please view Senator Tokuda's recent "Updater" lists for Senate bills [here](#), House bills [here](#), and Hearing Notices [here](#). Any bill status can be looked up on <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/> To submit testimony, please see instructions on Capitol webpage [here](#).

Hearing Date	Bill	Description	Remarks
	SB2236 SD2 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support HE'E Testimony	RELATED TO EARLY LEARNING. Authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms. Makes an appropriation.	3/6/2014 H Referred to EDN, FIN, referral sheet 28
EDU 414 3/12/2014 3:00 PM View	HB1676 HD1 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support HE'E Testimony	RELATED TO EARLY LEARNING. Authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms. Makes an appropriation.	3/7/2014 S The committee(s) on EDU has scheduled a public hearing on 03-12-14 3:00PM in conference room 414.
	SB2826 SD1 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support HE'E Testimony	RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. Establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.	3/7/2014 H Referred to EDN, FIN, referral sheet 29
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	SB 2975 SD1 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support	RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING. Makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs.	3/6/2014 H Referred to EDN, FIN, referral sheet 28

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	SB2768 SD2 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support HE'E Testimony	RELATING TO KINDERGARTEN. Amends the compulsory education law to make kindergarten mandatory.	3/7/2014 H Referred to EDN, FIN, referral sheet 29
	HB14 HD2 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support HE'E Testimony	RELATING TO KINDERGARTEN. Amends the compulsory education law to make kindergarten mandatory. Makes transition to kindergarten a directive for the early learning system.	3/6/2014 S Referred to EDU, WAM.
	SB2139 SD2 Status and Testimony Position: Oppose with amendments HE'E Testimony	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires all public secondary schools to implement a school year that includes nine hundred ninety student instructional hours beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Repeals the requirement that by the 2016-2018 school years, all public schools implement a school year of one hundred eighty days and one thousand eighty student instructional hours for both elementary and secondary school grades. Clarifies that the definition of "student instructional hours" shall be determined by the board of education.	3/6/2014 H Referred to EDN, FIN, referral sheet 28
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EDN 309 3/12/2014 2:00 PM View	SB2424 SD2 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support HE'E Testimony	RELATING TO AIR CONDITIONING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL. Requires DOE and DAGS to develop a cooling master strategy and comprehensive study for the public schools and to report its findings to the 2015 regular session of the legislature. Appropriates funds.	3/7/2014 H Bill scheduled to be heard by EDN on Wednesday, 03-12-14 2:00PM in House conference room 309.
	HB2410 HD1 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Comments only HE'E Comments	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Board of Education to develop and the Department of Education to implement a pilot program to assist students in achieving annual goals under the Common Core State Standards. Requires the Board of Education to provide web-based data and information aimed at improving student outcomes. Effective July 1, 2014.	3/6/2014 S Referred to EDU, WAM.
	HB1925 HD1 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Strong Support	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the department of education to administer the youth risk behavior survey to all public school and charter school students in odd-numbered years for grades six to twelve. Requires all private schools to administer the youth	3/6/2014 S Referred to EDU/HMS, WAM.

	HE'E Testimony	risk behavior survey to all students in odd-numbered years for grades six to twelve. Allows parents or legal guardians to exempt their child from participating in the survey.	
HUS 329 3/11/2014 10:00 AM View	SB2441 SD2 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support HE'E Testimony	RELATING TO YOUTH. Establishes the resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health (R.E.A.C.H.) program in the office of youth services to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools. Establishes a revolving fund to receive fees and other moneys to supplement the costs of administering and operating the program. Appropriates funds for establishing the R.E.A.C.H. program to provide funding for after-school programs in middle and intermediate public schools. Establishes one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position to support the program and appropriates funds for that position.	3/7/2014 H Bill scheduled to be heard by HUS on Tuesday, 03-11-14 10:00AM in House conference room 329.
HMS/EDU 414 3/12/2014 1:15 PM View	HB1756 HD1 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support HE'E Testimony	RELATING TO YOUTH. Establishes the resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health (R.E.A.C.H.) program in the office of youth services to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools. Establishes a revolving fund to receive fees and other moneys to supplement the costs of administering and operating the program. Appropriates funds for establishing the R.E.A.C.H. program to provide funding for after-school programs in middle and intermediate public schools. Establishes one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position to support the program and appropriates funds for that position.	3/7/2014 S The committee(s) on HMS/EDU has scheduled a public hearing on 03-12-14 1:15PM in conference room 414.
EDU 414 3/10/2014 1:15 PM View	HB2257 HD2 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support HE'E Testimony	RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY. Adjusts the salary cap of the Superintendent of Education.	3/6/2014 S The committee(s) on EDU has scheduled a public hearing on 03-10-14 1:15PM in conference room 414.
EDN 309 3/12/2014 2:00 PM View	SB2423 SD2 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Comments Only HE'E Comments	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Authorizes the department of education to accept gifts or donations based on criteria established by the board of education. Allows schools and classes to participate in fundraising or charitable activities, in conjunction with a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization, based on criteria established by the board of education.	3/7/2014 H Bill scheduled to be heard by EDN on Wednesday, 03-12-14 2:00PM in House conference room 309.
EDN 309 3/12/2014 2:00 PM View	SB2922 SD2 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Oppose HE'E Testimony	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the lengthening of the school year from 180 days to 190 days beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Discontinues the requirements for minimum number of student hours effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.	3/7/2014 H Bill scheduled to be heard by EDN on Wednesday, 03-12-14 2:00PM in House conference room 309.

<p>EDU/HMS 414 3/12/2014 1:15 PM View</p>	<p>HB2109 HD2 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support HE'E Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS. Establishes and funds the Fun 5 Program within the A+ Program in Hawaii's public elementary schools. Appropriation. Effective July 1, 2014.</p>	<p>3/7/2014 S The committee(s) on EDU/HMS has scheduled a public hearing on 03-12-14 1:15PM in conference room 414.</p>
	<p>SB2763 SD2 Status and Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. Requires the board of education to allow public testimony on items not on a public meeting agenda if certain requirements are met.</p>	<p>3/7/2014 H Referred to EDN, FIN, referral sheet 29</p>
	<p>HB1700 Status and Testimony HE'E Position: Support HIDOE's Supplemental Budget Request HE'E Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. Description: To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.</p>	<p>3/5/2014 H The committees on FIN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 17 Ayes: Representative(s) Luke, Nishimoto, Johanson, Cullen, Hashem, Ing, Jordan, Kobayashi, Lowen, Morikawa, Onishi, Takayama, Tokioka, Woodson, Yamashita, Fukumoto, Ward; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and Excused: none.</p>

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