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Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Virtual Meeting

March 14, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

The Special Education Advisory Council will be meeting virtually using interactive conference technology. The public is welcome to participate as follows:

Public In-Person Meeting Location

Disability and Communication Access (DCAB) Office
1010 Richards Street, Room 118
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- By email to: spin@doh.hawaii.gov
- By U.S. Postal Mail: SEAC, 1010 Richards Street, Room 118, Honolulu, HI 96813
- By facsimile to: (808) 586-8129

*Mandated by the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act***

AGENDA*

- 9:00 a.m. A. Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call/Introductions
- 9:10 a.m. B. Announcements
- 9:15 a.m. C. Work-Based Learning: Presentation on the Kailua High School Ready to SURF Academy
Educators from Kailua High School will describe the accomplishments of the Ready to SURF (Supports Unlimited Routes to the Future) Academy in assisting students in the areas of transition, workplace readiness skills, self-management, and self-advocacy.
- 10:00 a.m. D. Update on the Actions of the Preschool Interagency Workgroup by Verna Chinen
Followed by a Discussion of SEAC Proposed Parent Engagement Activities
The Workgroup was formed by the Department of Education to bring in partners— Head Start, Executive Office on Early Learning, PATCH, military liaisons, etc.— to increase the variety of inclusive placements for preschoolers with disabilities.
- 10:45 a.m. E. Legislative Update by Daintry Bartoldus, Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities
The update will include a report on the recent 2025 Day at the Capitol event and the results of their advocacy this session, including HB 320 and SB 479 (see item F).
- 11:00 a.m. F. SEAC Legislative Committee Update on Priority Bills
1. [HB 637 HD 1](#) **Relating to Education** - Requires the HIDEOE to implement dyslexia-sensitive universal screenings and evidence-based interventions, offer professional development on structured literacy and evidenced-based interventions, and support pre-teacher programs in training candidates in structured literary instruction.
 2. [HB 1499 HD 2](#) **Relating to the Department of Education** - Expands the Department of Education's authority to allow more trained staff to volunteer to assist students with the administration of medication.
 3. [HB 620 HD 1](#) **Relating to Education** - Establishes state policy to promote braille literacy for eligible blind students. Requires the individualized education programs and section 504 plans of eligible blind students to include the assessment and evaluation of eligible blind students' reading and writing abilities, instruction of braille, and provision of braille instructional materials under certain circumstances.
 4. [HB 320 HD 2](#) – **Related to Supported Decision Making Agreements** - Allows qualified adults, including adults with a disability, mentally ill adults, and adults sixty-five years or age or older to enter into supported decision-making agreements with one or more members of a supportive community. Specifies the terms of a supported decision making agreement, including access to personal information and agreement requirements.

5. [HB 429 HD 1](#) - **Related to Early Learning** - Appropriates funds to hire teachers and teacher assistants and for equipment and services for public preschools.
6. [SB 479 SD 1](#) – **Relating to the ABLE Savings Program** - Provides incentives for Hawaii students with disabilities to open ABLE accounts; expands contribution source for the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program Trust Fund.

11:15 a.m. G. Review of Minutes from the February 14, 2025 Meeting*

11:20 a.m. H. Agenda Setting for the April 11, 2025 Meeting*

11:30 a.m. I. Input from the Public

12:00 p.m. J. Adjournment

*Action required

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