# SEAC

**Special Education Advisory Council**

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**Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Virtual Meeting**

February 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

Honolulu, HI 96813

**Participate Virtually via Zoom**

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Meeting ID: 847 0008 6013

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**Written testimony/comments** - To ensure the public as well as SEAC members can review testimony prior to the meeting, written testimony should be submitted 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date and time. Any written testimony submitted after such time will be distributed to the members and the public at the meeting. Written testimony may be submitted by one of the methods listed below:

* 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. Presentation on the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Legislative Priorities and Budget for SY 25-25 by Ken Kakesako, Policy, Innovation, Planning and Evaluation Branch and a representative from the HIDOE Office of Fiscal Services *Meeting participants will be briefed on budget requests related to EDN 150 – Special Education, the Visitor Code of Conduct, and specific bills related to student support and financing, including the following:*

1. HB 1068/SB 420 **Relating to Education** - Allows 150 newly graduated high school students to be eligible for workers’ compensation coverage during the summer following their high school graduation while participating in work-based learning programs established and regulated by the HIDOE.
2. HB 637/SB 421 **Relating to Education** - Requires the HIDOE 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.
3. HB 629/SB 1389 **Relating to Therapy Services** – Specifies that a physician’s referral shall not be required for occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech pathologists to provide services in an education setting. Allows for Medicaid reimbursement to HIDOE for related services provided to Medicaid eligible students.

9:45 a.m. D. SEAC Legislative Committee Report on Additional Bills Impacting Students

1. HB 1499/SB 532 **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.
2. HB 903 HDI **Relating to Student Health** - Authorizes a school to maintain a stock supply of bronchodilators to be administered under certain conditions. Authorizes certain employees of a school and department personnel to administer certain medication in emergency situations, under certain conditions.
3. HB 620/SB 530 **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/SB 766 – **Related to Supported Decision Making Agreements** - Allows qualified adults, including adults with a disability, mentally ill adults, and

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|  | adults sixty-five years of age or older, to enter into supported decision-making agreements with one or 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 **Related to Early Learning** - Appropriates funds to hire teachers and teacher assistants and for equipment and services for public preschools. |
| 6. HB 247/SB 479 – **Related to the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program** - Provides incentives for HIDOE students to open ABLE accounts; expands contribution source for the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program Trust Fund. |
| 7. HB 616 **Relating to the Safety of Educational Workers**Requires the Department of Education and public charter schools to take certain steps to report incidents of harassment and implement procedures for handling harassment of educational workers. |
| 10:00 a.m. | E. | Training on the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) by Deusdedi Merced, Esq., Special Education Solutions, LLC, including the following components:1. An overview of due process decisions specific to Hawaii
2. Notable due process decisions nationwide
3. Discipline procedures
4. The legal aspect of timely evaluations & parent engagement in the process
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| 11:30 a.m. | F. | Approval of Minutes for the January 10, 2024 Meeting\* |
| 11:35 a.m | G. | Agenda Setting for the March 14, 2025 Meeting\* |
| 11:45 a.m. | H. | Input from the Public |
| 12:00 p.m. | I. | Adjournment |

\*Action Required

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