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NOTICE OF MEETING

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Meeting
February 13, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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

Public In-Person Meeting Location

Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Room 118
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By email to: spin@doh.hawaii.gov

By U.S. Postal Mail:

Attention: SEAC Chair, 1010 Richards Street, Room 118, Honolulu, HI 96813

By facsimile to: (808) 586-8129

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- 9:00 a.m. A. Call to Order/Welcome
- 9:05 a.m. B. Roll Call/Introductions
- 9:15 a.m. C. Presentation on the Hawaii Department of Education Budget and Legislative Priorities by Staff from the Office of Fiscal Services and Ken Kakesako from the Policy, Innovation, Planning and Evaluation Branch *Members will be briefed on the overall 2026-27 supplemental budget request with an emphasis on EDN 150 (special education) expenditures). The following measures from the Department's priorities will be discussed:*
1. [HB2296](#) / [SB3115](#) – **Relating to School Meals.** Reduces the amount the Department of Education is required to charge for school meals to all students enrolled in department schools from half to a quarter of the cost of preparing the meal
 2. [HB2301](#) / [SB3120](#) – **Relating to School Licensure.** Transfers the regulatory and licensing authority of private trade, vocational, and technical schools from the Department of Education to the University of Hawaii.
 3. [HB2303](#) / [SB3122](#) – **Relating to Physical Education Assessments.** Requires the Board of Education to update statewide physical education performance standards to reinstate the Presidential Fitness Test by the 2028-29 school year.
- 9:45 a.m. D. SEAC Legislative Committee Report on Additional Bills Impacting Students with Disabilities*
Members will be briefed and asked to vote on whether to have SEAC support, oppose or monitor the following bills:
1. [HB1888](#) – **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.
 2. [HB1784](#) / [SB2430](#) – **Relating to Education.** Beginning no later than the 2028-2029 school year, requires the Department of Education to administer a dyslexia-sensitive universal screening to all students in kindergarten through grade three. Beginning with the 2028-2029 school year, requires certain employees of public schools to have an opportunity to participate in training on literacy instruction.
 3. [HB1780](#) / [SB2395](#) – **Relating to Student Transportation.** Requires the Department of Education to establish a student bus fare rate system that includes free bus passes for students whose household qualifies the student for free lunch or reduced price lunch under the free and reduced price lunch program.
 4. [HB1577](#) / [SB2267](#) – **Relating to 911 Services.** Requires the 911 Board to establish, implement, and maintain a statewide emergency safety profile system that allows residents to voluntarily create and manage secure personal profiles containing information relevant to emergency responses.

5. [SB2181](#) – **Relating to Education.** Increases required public school instructional hours beginning in the 2027-2028 school year.
6. [HB2296](#) / [SB 3115](#) – **Relating to School Meals.** Reduces the amount the Department of Education is required to charge for school meals to all students enrolled in department schools from half to a quarter of the cost of preparing the meal.
7. [HB1562](#) / [SB 2679](#) – **Relating to Youth Mental Health.** Establishes and appropriates funds for a one-year Digital Youth Mental Health Platform Pilot Project that will enable the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health to develop and make publicly available a digital platform designed to help young people address and manage mental health challenges.

10:15 a.m. E . National Perspective on Special Education Issues by Jennifer Wolfsheimer, Senior Program Associate, WestEd
Members and guests will be briefed on special education actions happening at the national level--including public comments on revisions to the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report requirements and the potential move of the Office of Special Education Programs to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—and have an opportunity to ask questions.

10:45 a.m. F. Announcements

11:00 a.m. G. Review of Minutes for January 9, 2026*

11:10 a.m. H. Agenda Setting for March 13, 26 Meeting*

11:20 a.m. I. Input from the Public

11:35 a.m. J. Brainstorming Session on Developing Micro-Learning and Video Tools For Families on Options for Resolving Conflicts
Members and guests will begin planning how to offer short, accessible formats (YouTube, social media, podcasts) to engage families who may not read formal documents.

12:00 p.m. K. Adjournment

*Action Required

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1. Who cares about this issue and why?
2. What work is already underway?
3. What shared work can inform and unite us?
4. How can we deepen our connection?

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