



SEAC
Special Education Advisory Council
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NOTICE OF MEETING

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

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
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Public Testimony/Input from the Public

Members of the public may present comment or testimony during Council meetings on each agenda item prior to any deliberation by the Council. Members of the public are also welcome to provide written or verbal testimony/comments on any subject related to the delivery of special education services during the agenda item “Input from the Public.” Public input is limited to 3-5 minutes per agenda item unless the individual has a communication disability that requires more time. Any person who needs additional time to present testimony or comments is encouraged to contact the SEAC office in advance of the meeting. This rule shall be placed at the beginning of all Council meetings.

Written testimony/comments – There is no deadline for submission of testimony, however, to ensure the public as well as SEAC members are able to review testimony prior to the meeting, written testimony is requested no later than 9:00 a.m. one business day prior to the scheduled meeting date and time. 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 Chair, 1010 Richards Street, Room 118, Honolulu, HI 96813

By facsimile to: (808) 586-8129

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. A. Call to Order/Welcome
- 9:05 a.m. B. Roll Call and Introductions
- 9:15 a.m. C. Input from the Public
- 9:20 a.m. D. Announcements
- 9:40 a.m. E. Developing a Framework for Non-Mandated Transition Planning led by Kupu Kaniho, Exceptional Support Branch
Members and guests will divide into small groups to provide feedback regarding resources and support systems needed for students with disabilities to transition smoothly from 1) preschool to kindergarten, 2) elementary to middle/intermediate, and 3) middle/intermediate to high school.
- 10:55 a.m. F. Update on School Resource Officers by Kupu Kaniho
The update will include whether training on disabilities is provided to School Resource Officers assigned to public school campuses.
- 11:05 a.m. G. Membership Issues by Steven Vannatta, Membership Committee
The discussion will include current or anticipated stakeholder representatives needed to comply with the requirements set in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the timeline for member nominations of potential member candidates and Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Chair/Vice Chair positions.
- 11:15 a.m. H. Priority-Setting Related to the Development of Micro-Learning and Video Tools for Families on Options for Resolving Conflicts
Members will review suggestions offered in small group discussions at the February meeting and select a topic/platform for a SEAC project.
- 11:30 a.m. I. Review of Minutes from the February 13, 2026 SEAC Meeting*
- 11:35 a.m. J. Agenda Setting for the April 10, 2026 SEAC Meeting*
- 11:45 a.m. K. Legislative Committee Report by Susan Rocco
Members be updated on the following legislation selected by members for action:
1. **[HB1888, HD 2](#)– 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. Creates a new offence of “harassment of an educational worker” categorized as a misdemeanor.

2. [HB1891, HD1](#) - **Relating to Education.** Requires the Department of Education to implement dyslexia sensitive linguistically appropriate 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 literacy instruction
3. [HB1780, HD1](#) - **Relating to Student Transportation.** Requires the Department of Education to establish a student bus fare rate system that includes free bus passes for students who meet certain statutory requirements.
4. [HB1894, HD1](#) - **Relating to Education.** Requires the Department of Education to include the instruction of braille and provision of braille instructional materials under certain circumstances; provide braille literacy support services; provide comprehensive information about braille literacy services, assistive technology devices, and assistive technology services, including educational programming options; and participate in the development of section 504 plans and individualized education programs.
5. [HB1577, HD1](#) – **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.
6. [HB2296, HD1](#) – **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, HD1](#) – **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.

12:00 p.m. L. 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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