

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 2, CHAPTER 29
DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

Pursuant to sections 91-3 and 92-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) gives notice that it will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on the proposed adoption of a new Hawaii Administrative Rules chapter: Title 8, Subtitle 2, Chapter 29, Driver Education and Traffic Safety Program.

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED RULES

The proposed rules would complete the administrative structure of the Department's driver education program and codify statewide practices intended to support consistent, fair, and transparent operation at public high schools. The proposed chapter addresses legislative mandates, program definitions, funding, curriculum and certification, program administration, and operational guidelines.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Date: Monday, November 9, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Format: In Person

Location: Department of Education, Board of Education Conference Room, Room 404, 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

The hearing is an opportunity to present data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed rules. Attendance is not required to submit written comments.

ORAL TESTIMONY AT THE HEARING

- To testify in person: Sign in at the registration table before or during the hearing. When your name is called, please proceed to the designated testimony table. Individuals who have not signed up in advance will be given an opportunity to testify after the registered testifiers have been called.
- Each testifier may be limited to three minutes so all interested persons have an opportunity to be heard. The presiding officer may adjust the limit as necessary.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments may be submitted before or during the hearing by any of the following methods:

- Email: DTSEP@k12.hi.us
- Mail or hand delivery: Hawaii State Department of Education, Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design, Attn: Chapter 29 Public Hearing, 475 22nd Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Deadline: Written comments must be received no later than the close of the public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time. Mailed comments must be received - not merely postmarked - by the deadline.

Please identify the submission as "Chapter 29 Testimony" and include the testifier's name and, if applicable, organization. Contact information is requested only so the Department can follow up if clarification is needed.

ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED RULES

The full text of the proposed rules is available without charge online at:

- Lieutenant Governor's proposed rule changes website: <https://ltgov.hawaii.gov/the-office/administrative-rules/proposed-changes/>. The proposed rules may also be reviewed in person during regular business hours, Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at the Department's Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design, 475 22nd Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96816. Please contact Janice Meeker-Sevilla in advance at (808) 784-6506 or jan.meeker-sevilla@k12.hi.us to arrange access.

A paper copy will be mailed upon request and payment of copying and postage costs. To request a mailed copy, contact Janice Meeker-Sevilla at (808) 784-6506 or jan.meeker-sevilla@k12.hi.us. The estimated copying charge is \$0.10 per page plus applicable postage; the Department will provide the total amount and payment instructions before mailing.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

If you need an auxiliary aid or service, another accommodation due to a disability, or language assistance to participate in the hearing, contact Michael David at (808) 784-6477 or Michael.L.David@k12.hi.us no later than November 2, 2026. Requests made as early as possible are encouraged; late requests will be honored to the extent practicable. Telecommunications Relay Service users may call 711.

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