

**SENATE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Education  
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)  
CHAIR: Senator Brandon Creighton

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The Senate Education Committee will meet Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 9:00 am to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

**COVID-19 Pandemic Impact on Educator Talent Pipeline:** Examine the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the public school educator talent pipeline, staffing patterns and practices, and declining student enrollment and attendance. Review any policies and regulatory actions that prevent students from receiving instruction from a highly effective teacher. Monitor the impact of both the Teacher Incentive Allotment and non-administrator compensation increases directed under House Bill 3 (86th Legislature), as well as the teacher pay raises implemented in 2019. Explore innovative models to improve recruitment and make recommendations to maintain a strong educator workforce pipeline, while adapting resilient school strategies to meet emergent demands in public education.

**Monitoring:** Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Education passed by the 87th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:

- House Bill 3 (86th Legislature), relating to public school finance and public education;
- House Bill 1525 (87th Legislature), Relating to the public school finance system and public education; and
- House Bill 4545 (87th Legislature), Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments.

**Bond Efficiency:** Conduct a comprehensive review of the school district bond issuance process. Specifically, review public notice and disclosure requirements, the bond election process, procurement requirements, and how unused bond proceeds may be utilized. Study the best practices implemented

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by school boards and make recommendations to improve bond issuance efficiencies.

**Homestead Exemption:** Study the use and effect of the optional homestead exemption available to independent school districts. Examine and report on costs to the state if school districts receive incentives to increase the optional percentage exemption.

**Public testimony is limited to 2 minutes.** If submitting written testimony, please provide 12 copies, with your name on each copy, to the Committee during the hearing.

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**NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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