



State of Hawai'i
Department of Education

Annual Report on Administrative Hearing Procedures and Subpoena Power Relating to the Education of Children with a Disability

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Section 302A-443(e), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, requires the Hawai'i State Department of Education to annually submit a report that provides the total number of requests for a due process hearing relating to the reimbursement of costs for a child's placement filed by a parent or guardian of a child with a disability.

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The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 provide parents and schools with dispute resolution procedures to resolve disagreements related to a child's educational services.

A due process complaint requesting a hearing is a formal procedure used to resolve disagreements between parents and schools on any matter relating to the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of a child with a disability or the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the child.

Based on a review of due process hearing complaints filed with the Hawai'i State Department of Education during School Year 2023-2024, 16 due process hearing requests were filed by a parent (as defined under 34 C.F.R. § 300.152(a)(5) and HAR § 8-60-2) of a child with a disability requesting reimbursement of costs for a child's educational placement.