

Missouri Equity Education Partnership-Action mobilizes those who support diversity, equity, and inclusion for ALL! Please see the calls to action outlined below and join us in bending the arc towards equity ensuring Missouri schools are a safe, welcoming space where folks can learn all things.

CALLS TO ACTION

1. [Submit testimony to protect public education!](#)

HB 2937 (Davidson) is another voucher bill stripping public funds from public education without any oversight and little accountability. It also creates a new category of school, Family Paced Education, in an attempt to keep homeschoolers from opposing the legislation. *We oppose this bill.*

HB 2938 (Davidson) would create waivers for some DESE regulations if they show success. This bill also allows districts to grant certifications for anyone with an associate degree, placing them on the district salary schedule, grant tenure, and contribute to PSRS. The certificate would not need renewed. *We oppose this bill.*

2. **HB 1518 (Hudson)** would allow college organizations to discriminate against marginalized groups in membership and leadership. This bill has moved from House to Senate already and will probably continue to move. Lived experiences of real people make a difference. Help us provide stories to lawmakers so they can share them on the Senate floor! No names will be shared with them, just the stories.

[PLEASE use this link to share your story](#) about involvement in/with college organizations. Consider one or more of these questions:

- Why are student clubs and student activities meaningful to you?
- How have clubs and activities helped you develop leadership skills?
- Can you describe the safety you feel accessing student activities without the fear of discrimination?
- What is a specific example of what it is like to be a higher education student in Missouri right now?

After you've shared YOUR story, PLEASE share the link with at least ONE other person who would be willing to share their experience!

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Expected Actions This Week

Some committees have scheduled hearings yet as spring break has just ended. Upon return, there are two big items on the plates of both houses: the FRA, and the budget. Here is what we know so far:

House Special Committee on Educational Reform, Monday Mar 25, 4:30 pm Hearing Room 7

[Watch the Hearing](#)

This committee will hear HBs 2937 and 2938 (Davidson) which are available in the call to action.

A second hearing is scheduled this week for Thursday, March 28 at 8:30 am, Hearing Room 3

[Watch the Hearing](#)

The agenda is noted as “pending referral.” On Monday, March 18, in the House Technical Session, SB 727 (Koenig, the education omnibus) was read a 2nd time and is poised to be referred to committee in Monday’s session. We believe this hearing is scheduled in anticipation of this. We will call for folks to [submit testimony](#) if that happens. In addition, the bills heard on Monday can be exec’d out at that time.

Please stay tuned as the week unfolds. This is the time of year when things happen quickly. We will need all voices to make ourselves heard.