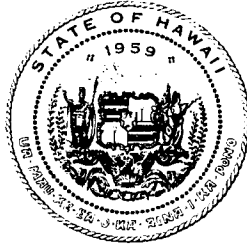


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DEPT. COMM. NO. 6

The Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Audit of the Department of Education's Adult Education Program*.

We found that self-serving practices of the Department of Education's Adult Education Program have taken precedence over its mission of servicing the community. We also found that a lack of centralized oversight result in program inefficiency. Finally, we found that the adult education program may be better administered and operated by the University of Hawaii's community college system rather than remaining with the Department of Education.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. The report will be available at our website, www.state.hi.us/auditor, and released to the public and press on Tuesday, October 22, 2002.

Sincerely,

Marion M. Higa
State Auditor

Enclosure

c: ✓ Paul Kawaguchi, Senate Clerk