

SB 1665

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Date of Decision Making: February 27, 2009

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent

Title: S.B. No. 1665, S.D. 1 (SSCR 283) Relating to Higher Education

Purpose: Enhances the training capacity of Hawaii's community colleges by establishing a skilled worker and business development center to provide workforce training to meet the rapidly evolving needs of both employers and employees; appropriates Reed Act funds.

Department's Position: The Department of Education recognizes the importance of developing a skilled workforce for business sustainability. However, the Department defers to Hawaii's community colleges, the identified expending agency, as to funding priority.