

SB2122

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2010

Committee: Senate Education and
Housing; Senate Higher Education;
Senate Labor

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent

Title: S.B. No. 2122, Longitudinal Student and Workforce Data;
DOE; UH; DLIR

Purpose: The purpose of this Act is to require the sharing of data across state agencies to support research that will improve the educational and workforce outcomes for the citizens of Hawaii and meet the longitudinal data requirements of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (Department) strongly supports S.B. No. 2122 as this legislation would reduce potential obstacles of data sharing between state agencies for the intended purpose of conducting research supporting system and program improvements that meet the needs of Hawaii's public school students.

In addition, this bill affirms the state's intent to meet the four assurances required for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. One of the four ARRA

assurances specifically targets the use of data for improving student performance; however, meeting all four of the assurances is dependent on the Department's ability to access relevant data. Because ARRA requires data reporting on indicators reliant on pre-school, post-secondary, and workforce data, the Department's ability to receive data from other state agencies is critical.

The Department requests that an amendment be made to include on page 1 line 12 the requirement that other state agencies share data, by adding after the department of labor and industrial relations the following language: and any other state agency as appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony presented before the
Senate Committee on Education and Housing, Senate Committee on Higher Education,
Senate Committee on Labor
February 17, 2010 at 1:15 p.m.
By Linda K. Johnsrud
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SB 2122: RELATING TO RESEARCH

Chairs Sakamoto, Kokubun, Takamine, Vice Chairs and members of the Senate Committees on Education and Housing, Higher Education, and Labor:

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 2122 that requires the sharing of data across state agencies to support research that improves education and workforce outcomes and meets the longitudinal data requirements of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

The University of Hawai'i supports SB 2122. As a partner of Hawai'i P-20, the University of Hawai'i has been a supporter of longitudinal data system development since its inception. As part of this process and in response to ARRA requirements, in October 2009 UH President MRC Greenwood signed a Memorandum of Understanding that was also signed by the Superintendent of the Hawai'i Department of Education and the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. The purpose of the MOU was to establish a partnership to enable the sharing of data. The partners agreed to establish a data governance and access committee to determine protocols around research that would inform educational and workforce outcomes and policies.

SB 2122 establishes in statute many of the terms of the MOU, and reinforces the requirement to share data between agencies in a manner that safeguards confidentiality and strengthens the ability to conduct research that informs improvements for education and workforce outcomes in Hawai'i. As such it supports the state's efforts to meet one of the four assurances for ARRA funding.

The UH respectfully recommends an amendment to SB 2122 by adding "and other state agencies as appropriate" in page 1, line 11 after "the department of labor and industrial relations."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Senate Committee on Education and Housing, Senate Committee on Higher Education and
Senate Committee on Labor
February 17, 2010 at 1:15 pm
by
Tammi Oyadomari-Chun
Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education

RE: SB 2122 Relating to Research

Chairs Sakamoto, Tokuda and Takamine, Vice Chairs Kidani and Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committees on Education and Housing, Higher Education, and Labor:

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 2122 that addresses longitudinal student and workforce data. Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education supports S.B. 2122, establishing in statute the sharing of data across state agencies to support research that will improve educational and workforce outcomes for the State and will meet the longitudinal data requirements of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Hawai'i P-20 is a statewide partnership of the Good Beginnings Alliance, Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i to improve educational outcomes for Hawai'i. Promoting data-based decision making is a high priority for Hawai'i P-20. Hawai'i P-20 serves as the convener for the partnership of Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE), University of Hawai'i System (UH), Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), and Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to develop a P20 statewide longitudinal data system (P20 LDS) to track individuals' participation, progress and performance from early childhood education to the workforce.

In fall 2009, Hawai'i P-20 coordinated the state's application for the U.S. Department of Education's Statewide Longitudinal Data System grant competition to support the development of an infrastructure to collect, analyze and report data about programs and outcomes across the educational pipeline from early childhood education through the workforce. The HIDOE submitted the grant application for a three-year, \$11.8 M award in December 2009, and the U.S. Department of Education indicated that it will notify states of the results in April.

The planned P20 LDS focuses on using *inter-agency* individual-level data throughout the educational pipeline from early childhood education to the workforce to:

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- Make data transparent, accessible in secure environments and action-able for multiple stakeholders;
- Evaluate the impact of programs, policies, interventions and resource allocations on educational attainment and workforce development;
- Inform decision-making for governance, management, resource allocation, student choices, curriculum and instruction;
- Improve quality and efficiency of data analyses and reporting.

The P20 LDS plans extend the state’s capacity for the K-12 longitudinal data system being developed through the state investments and a U.S. Department of Education SLDS grant award of \$3.47 M (2009-2012) to HIDOE. Together with the enhanced functionality of the DOE’s K-12 SLDS, the P20 LDS will meet ARRA assurances for use of student data, develop or significantly advance data system capabilities, and complete the requirements of the America COMPETES Act.

The lead agencies partnering in this effort—HIDOE, UH and DLIR—executed an inter-agency data sharing Memorandum of Agreement on October 13, 2009. The MOA establishes a data sharing agreement and establishes a process for governing access to the data including development of a research agenda. S.B. 2122 puts much of this MOA into statute which gives the agreement more force and longevity beyond the discretion of current signatories of the MOA.

In the bill, we would like to respectfully suggest several changes:

1. Wherever state agencies are identified (currently HIDOE, UH and DLIR), please add “and other agencies as appropriate to address needs identified in the research agenda or as directed by federal guidance.” This change will allow more latitude to include other agencies, such as Department of Human Services, in the P20 LDS.
2. A revision to the description of data sharing in §302A(a): “The data to be shared shall be determined jointly by the Department of Education, the University of Hawai‘i, and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, AND SHALL BE SHARED no less than annually.”
3. A revision to the purpose of the data governance and access committee §302A(c): “PRIORITIZE analyses and research questions that will provide information to improve educational and workforce outcomes and policies....”
4. Add §302A(d): “All state agency directors shall consider participation and data sharing for a statewide longitudinal data system, since the data system serves an important public purpose.”

We would like to note that \$11.8 M of federal funds has been requested to support development of the P20 LDS. However, if the partnership is not awarded, either the federal State Longitudinal Data System award or the ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Funds, then no funds will be available to advance the P20 LDS or the commitments of this bill. HIDOE, UH, DLIR, DBEDT and Hawai‘i P-20 will continue to work, in good faith and in response to SCR 146 (2009), to advance the P20 LDS and longitudinal data system goals, but progress will be limited by lack of dedicated resources.

Hawai‘i P-20 supports the overall intent of this bill on condition that any funds, if provided, do not affect the budget priorities approved by the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents or by the State Board of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.