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Committee: House Education
House Higher Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 1382,SD2(SSCR652) RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Creates task force to examine Higher Education Act of 1965, to ensure compliance re state authorization of institutions offering educational programs beyond secondary education; and make recommendations re consolidation within one state agency of licensing and authorization functions of all primary, secondary, and post-secondary educational institutions in the State. Requires LRB to provide research and administrative support. Requires report to Legislature. Effective 07/01/2050.
(SD2)

Department's Position: The Department supports this effort to improve the quality of public education. An examination of the existing organization and processes for teacher and educational administrator licensure that seeks to align the changing needs of the public education system, with legal requirements, as well as creating more opportunities for people to enter the teaching and educational administrator ranks while maintaining or improving existing standards is welcome.



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Legislative Testimony

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House Committee on Higher Education and the
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SB 1382 SD2: RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chair Nishimoto and Chair Takumi, Vice Chairs Nakashima and Belatti, and members of the House Committees on Higher Education and Education:

Thank you very much for this opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 1382 Senate Draft 2 that creates a federal higher education compliance and educational personnel licensure and certification task force to examine the state's federal compliance, to make recommendations on licensure, and report to the legislature.

The University of Hawai'i supports SB 1382 SD 2 and the establishment of a task force to examine Hawaii's compliance with the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended, and to re-examine teacher and administrator licensure functions, location of responsibility, and requirements in view of current conditions and state needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.