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To: The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair;  
The Honorable Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair; and  
Members of the House Committee on Finance

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

From: Dwight Takamine, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: H.B. No. 2655 HD1 Relating to Labor**

**Supplemental Testimony**

The workforce development activities of the department are currently under fiscal constraints due to restrictions arising out of recent federal budget decisions. The department requests amendments to the measure to enable the department, in the short-term only, to use E&T Fund monies to augment Workforce Investment Act monies to operate Title 1 programs:

Requested amendment 1: Insert a new section 3 with the following language and rename sections 3 and 4 accordingly:

SECTION 3. Section 383-128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) The moneys in the employment and training fund may be used for funding:

- (1) The operation of the state employment service for which no federal funds have been allocated;

- (2) Business-specific training programs to create a more diversified job base and to carry out the purposes of the new industry training program pursuant to section 394-8;
- (3) Industry or employer-specific training programs where there are critical skill shortages in high growth occupational or industry areas;
- (4) Training and retraining programs to assist workers who have become recently unemployed or are likely to be unemployed;
- (5) Programs to assist residents who do not otherwise qualify for federal or state job training programs to overcome employment barriers; [~~and~~]
- (6) Training programs to provide job-specific skills for individuals in need of assistance to improve career employment prospects[-]; and
- (7) For the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, costs to administer, manage, report, and oversee Title I programs funded under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Public Law 105-220, for which insufficient federal funds were allocated."

Requested amendment 2: Revise section 4 by making it section 5 with the following language:

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012, provided that on July 1, 2013 section 3 of this Act shall be

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repealed, and section 383-128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which it read on December 31, 2010.