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To: The Honorable Mark Nakashima, Chair,
The Honorable Kyle Yamashita, Vice Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Date: Friday, January 24, 2014
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

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

Re: H.B. No. 1566 Relating to Education

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

H.B. No. 1566 proposes to convene a task force led by the department Director to examine the feasibility of establishing a “pay forward, pay back” program at the University of Hawaii.

The “pay forward, pay back” system enables Hawaii residents who are enrolled at the University of Hawaii an opportunity to pay no tuition or enrollment fee upon enrollment and to sign a binding contract to pay the state or university a percentage of their gross income over several years after graduation.

II. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE BILL

While the department supports the intent of this measure, the jurisdiction of the task for chairing and convening the task force appears to be more appropriately placed within the University of Hawaii system.

