

April 1, 2013

TO: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

FROM: Charles R. Camp, General Counsel
Remington College

RE: SB46 SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson and members of the Committee:

Remington Colleges, a private non-profit corporation having its headquarters in Heathrow Florida, owns and operates 18 post-secondary educational institutions throughout the United States. Remington's Honolulu Campus is accredited by a national accreditation agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and has been in continuous operation as an accredited college in Honolulu since 1998. Remington's Honolulu Campus offers diploma, Associate's Degree and Bachelor's Degree programs and currently has an enrollment of 452 students. Remington's Honolulu college has 101 employees.

Senate Bill 46 is necessary to provide a mechanism for the state to authorize private higher-education programs in compliance with new Federal financial aid eligibility requirements. Without a state authorization process, students at Remington and the 20 other private higher education institutions in Hawaii that currently participate in the Title IV Federal Student Aid programs will no longer qualify to receive Pell Grants or student loans under Title IV Federal Student Aid programs. In excess of 90% of the students attending Remington's Honolulu college receive some form of financial aid under the Title IV Federal Student Aid programs. To continue to qualify for Pell Grants and student loans, Remington's Honolulu college must be granted authorization by the state before July 1, 2013.

We support passage of this bill. We appreciate that the amount of the surety bond takes into consideration the letter of credit submitted to the federal government for participation in the Title IV programs under 34 CFR 668. In the alternative, we would support a flat rate bond requirement in line with the requirements of other states that would be simpler to administer.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment and look forward to continuing to work with you as this bill moves through the legislative process.