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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 096 COMMENDING THE JUMP START TASK FORCE ON THE CREATION OF THE JUMP START PROGRAM, ENCOURAGING EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM TO SCHOOLS ON THE ISLANDS OF MAUI AND HAWAII, AND REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM

Purpose of Resolution: Education; Jump Start Task Force; Career and Technical Education

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) strongly supports this resolution as long as its expansion does not replace or adversely impact the Department's priorities set forth in the Executive Budget for Fiscal Biennium 2013-2015 and aligns with our Strategic Plan.



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Legislative Testimony

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Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and members of the Committee:

Honolulu Community College (HCC) stands in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 96, which commends the Jump Start task force. HCC as well as our sister campus, Kapi'olani Community College, have worked diligently with our high school partners in the DOE to make this program a success. Kaimuki, McKinley, Roosevelt, and Farrington High Schools have given of their time and resources to establish a framework of success for the Jump Start Program.

The Jump Start program allows high school seniors who are interested in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at one of the community colleges (CC) now have the opportunity to attend the CC full time while still enrolled in their home high school. These students are supported on the CC campus by counseling staff at both the community college and their home school.

We ask for your support in passing this measure.

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Testimony in Support of SCR 96

Chairperson Takumi, Chairperson Choy, and Members of the House Committees on Education and Higher Education:

My name is Joanne Swearingen and I would like to testify in favor the SCR 96, Commending the Jump Start Task Force on the Creation of the Jump Start Program, Encouraging Expansion of the Program to Schools on the Islands of Maui and Hawaii, and Requesting the Department of Education and University of Hawaii Community Colleges to Continue Their Support of the Program.

My sons went to Hokulani Elementary School, Jarrett Intermediate School. One went to Kalani High School, graduating in 1999; the second son went to Kaimuki High School graduating in 2001. Both sons went to and graduated from Mainland colleges and found jobs in California, one as an IT innovative technology manager and the other as a high school counselor. When they return to Hawaii and visit with their local friends, many of their friends are in dead-end jobs and have not yet completed either a two year or four year college degree.

Since my retirement I have been volunteering to assist with the Jump Start Program because the participating high school principals and counselors and community college administrators and counselors have created a program that gives high school students a viable option in seeking careers in Career and Technical Education.

What is amazing to me is that expansion beyond the four original pilot high schools (Farrington, Kaimuki, McKinley and Farrington) and two community colleges (Honolulu and Kapiolani Community Colleges) has been at the request of Kauai and Leeward District high school principals and Leeward and Kauai Community Colleges. These educational institutions see that Jump Start is meeting a need for some of their students. Both the DOE Superintendent and the Community Colleges Vice President and Chancellors have also been very supportive of the Jump Start Program.

I strongly encourage you to pass SCR 96 so that high schools and community colleges on Maui and the Big Island may also choose to participate in this program to provide viable choices to their students.