

SCR96/SR62

Jump Start Task Force Expansion
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Committee: Senate Education/Senate Higher Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 096/SR 062 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 supports these resolutions as long as its implementation does not impact or replace priorities set forth in the Executive Budget for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committees on Education and Higher Education
March 22, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

by
WRITTEN TESTIMONY
Honolulu Community College, University of Hawai'i

S.C.R. NO. 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 THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM.

Chair Tokuda, Chair Taniguchi, 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, Kapiolani 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.



Testimony in Support of SCR 96

Continuation and Expansion of the "Jump Start" Dual Enrollment Program

Aloha, Chair Tokuda and Chair Tanaguchi and members,

My name is Frank Haas, Dean for the Career and Technical Education programs at Kapi'olani Community College and I am testifying in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 96.

Kapi'olani Community College has been a part of the Jump Start pilot project since its inception. The pilot project has been very successful in developing the procedures and guidelines necessary to enable Jump Start to move from an experiment to an important part of an integrated Department of Education/Community College Career and Technical Education program. We have successfully enrolled two cohorts of high school students into our CTE programs and are about to enroll a third cohort in the fall.

Jump Start provides an opportunity for students who are focused on career and technical education to literally "jump start" their CTE education. Often these students do not have access to the CTE programs that interest them at their high schools. Furthermore, enrolling in a Community College CTE program in their senior year keeps them motivated by engaging them in subject matters that spark their interest and enthusiasm. In addition to these benefits, the Jump Start program provides students with the opportunity to accelerate their academic career and, not incidentally, to save money.

The Jump Start pilot project has been a successful example of partnership between the University of Hawai'i system, the Department of Education, and individual Community Colleges and High Schools.

We see Jump Start as an excellent program which can expand the impact of Career and Technical Education training in Hawai'i.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to testify on this innovative and successful program.



Testimony presented before the
Senate Committees on Education and Higher Education
March 22, 2013 at 1:50 pm
By Karen C. Lee, Ed.D.
Executive Director, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education

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 the University of Hawaii Community Colleges of Continue Their Support of the Program

Chairs Tokuda and Taniguchi and Members of the Committees:

Hawaii P-20 strongly supports SCR 96 which commends the creation of the Jump Start Program, encourages expansion, and requests continued support by the Hawaii DOE and UH. There is compelling research across the nation on the positive impact of “early college” programs to engage students in learning, to increase high school graduation rates, and to increase college-going rates. A very recent study in 2013 cited by *The Teachers College Record* at Columbia University states that students in early college programs (such as Jump Start) had better attendance, lower suspensions, and high levels of engagement in learning.

The level of support by the Hawaii DOE high schools and the participating UH community colleges, as well as the support by the legislature and the Office of Senator Jill Tokuda, has been essential to the success of the students in the cohorts thus far.

Hawaii P-20 has been involved in the Jump Start task force from its inception, and remains highly committed to the continuation and expansion of the program.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.