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Commendation of the Jump Start Task Force, Continuation and Expansion of the Jump Start Program

My name is Ann Mahi, former principal of Roosevelt High School and current Complex Area Superintendent of the Nanakuli-Waianae Schools and I am testifying in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 96.

I am the Chairperson of the Jump Start Task Force since it first began as a pilot project in the Honolulu District with Farrington, McKinley, Kaimuki and Roosevelt High Schools and Kapiolani Community College and Honolulu Community College in 2010. This partnership arose from the need to provide our students with opportunities to pursue Career, Technical Education programs of their interest that could not be provided at our respective high schools due to a lack of licensed CTE teachers or funding to support a comprehensive CTE program.

This DOE/UHCC partnership task force has been able to develop a program, implement the pilot and expand it to include Leeward Community College and Kauai Community College this year with all high schools in the district participating. We held a Jump Start Orientation for the Leeward District JS students and their parents at LCC on March 12, 2013 and there were about 40 participants. It was a great way to showcase the LCC CTE programs as the instructors, counselors, student mentors, high school principals and counselors were all in attendance. It was shared that the students would be able to receive a LCC Certificate of Achievement upon successful completion of their 12 credits and that this would be recognized as they receive their high school diplomas at graduation.

We are looking forward to start the expansion to Maui and the Big Island and to begin the institutionalization Jump Start Hawaii by having administrative oversight through an established organization that can support the continuation of this work to assist our students in their transition to college and careers from our high schools.

We hope that through this resolution the Jump Start Hawaii program will be recognized as a successful dual enrollment /credit program for Career Technical Education and ask for your continued support in the future.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to testify on behalf of our participating DOE schools.