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**HB 2362 HD1 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2362 HD1. The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges (UHCC) strongly supports House Bill 2362 House Draft 1. This measure aligns the HRS with administrative changes required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

Your support of the UH Community Colleges is greatly appreciated. We look forward to continuing our active and committed engagement in these public-private partnerships and advancing academic development efforts.

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To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair and
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

From: Allicyn H. Tasaka, Interim Executive Director

RE: HB 2362 HD1 Relating to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council
Hearing: Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

POSITION: SUPPORT with Amendments

Good afternoon Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the Committee on Judiciary. I am Allicyn Tasaka, Interim Executive Director of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council (WDC) testifying in support of HB 2362 HD1 Relating to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council. WDC is responsible for administrative oversight and implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) in Hawaii. This includes managing the governance structure, grant signatory, grant oversight and grant reporting as well as the allocation of funds, issuing policy and procedural guidance and conducting fiscal and program monitoring.

The purpose of this measure is to conform Chapter 202, Hawaii Revised Statutes to WIOA of 2014, Public Law No. 113-128, which was effective July 1, 2015. WIOA supersedes the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and has different council composition requirements, different state workforce development system plan specifications, and different council functions. This measure if enacted, will bring Hawaii's WDC into compliance with WIOA and ensure that over \$6,000,000 in federal funds for workforce development continues.

Under the new requirements, WDC will increase from thirty-one (31) to forty-one (41) private and public sector members appointed by the Governor. The members provide direction to the State's workforce development efforts, and support the best use of resources for those purposes.

We respectfully request the following amendment in Section 1, which corrects the date:

The last paragraph to read:

The purpose of this Act is to conform chapter 202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Public Law No. 113-128, effective July 1, 2015. This will correct typo on date from 2016 to 2015.

We also request the following amendment in Section 2 which would enable the board to fully meet the federal requirement for compliance:

Section 2 (3) to read:

~~[Twelve additional private sector]~~ ~~Seventeen~~ representatives from ~~[business,]~~ the private sector, including nonprofit organizations and businesses in the State, appointed from among individuals nominated by state business organizations and business trade associations;

Section 2 (4) to read:

~~[One representative from a community-based Native Hawaiian organization that operates workforce development programs]~~ ~~Eight~~ representatives from labor organizations and workforce training organizations, two or more of which shall be representatives of labor organizations who have been nominated by state labor federations, and one of which shall be a labor representative from a community-based native Hawaiian organization that operates workforce development programs;

The second paragraph after (7) to read:

From the effective date of this Act _____, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, and until such time that the council has forty-one members, sixteen council members shall constitute a quorum to do business, and the concurrence of at least sixteen council members shall be necessary to make any action of the council valid.

We request the following amendment in Section 3, which corrects the citation:

Section 3 (3) to read:

The development and continuous improvement of the workforce development system in the State as provided in P.L. 113-128 (29 U.S.C. §3111(d) (3));

We request that the effective date in Section 6 read:

This Act shall take effect upon approval.

We respectfully request that the committee pass this measure with the requested amendments. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.