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February 5, 2016

To: The Honorable Mark Nakashima, Chair
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Labor and Public Employment

From: Allicyn H. Tasaka, Interim Executive Director

RE: HB 2362 Relating to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

Good morning Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee on Labor and Public Employment. I am Allicyn Tasaka, Interim Executive Director of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council (WDC) testifying in support of HB 2362 Relating to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council. WDC is responsible for administrative oversight and implementation of 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 the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, Public Law No. 113-128, which was effective July 1, 2015. WIOA supersedes the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and requires 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 \$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 amendments 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;

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, one of which shall be a 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 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 respectfully request that the committee pass this measure with the requested amendments. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
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February 5, 2016 at 9:30am
by
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HB 2362 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2362. The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges (UHCC) strongly supports House Bill 2362. 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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POSITION: AMENDED TESTIMONY PROVIDED AT HEARING

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Under the new requirements, WDC will increase from 31 to 37 private and public sector members appointed by the Governor to meet percentage requirements. The members provide direction to the State's workforce development efforts, and support the best use of resources for those purposes.

AS OF THIS MORNING PER A CONVERSATION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND PENDING CONFIRMATION FROM OUR FEDERAL OFFICER, WE ARE OFFERING NO AMENDMENTS AND WISH TO KEEP THE BOARD COUNT AT 37 UNTIL WE HAVE STATE AND FEDERAL CONCURRENCE.

We respectfully request that the committee pass this measure and thank the committee for hearing it.