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**TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015
2:00 P.M.**

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 848
RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**TO THE HONORABLE ISAAC W. CHOY, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE LINDA ICHIYAMA, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 848, Relating To Post-Secondary Education. My name is Bobbi Lum-Mew, Program Administrator for the Department's Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Program ("HPEAP"). HPEAP offers the following testimony in strong support of this bill.

House Bill No. 848 adds a new section to the Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Law to clarify that institutions may request an administrative hearing pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), within fifteen days of the receipt of a notification of denial or of intent to suspend or terminate any authorization.

Currently, HRS Section 305J-12(c) provides that a post-secondary educational institution may request an administrative hearing for review pursuant to HRS Chapter 91 if the institution was placed on probation. The remainder of Chapter 305J, however, is silent as to the administrative remedies available to an institution when that institution receives notice of denial, intent to suspend, or termination of authorization. Thus, this bill would clarify that institutions may request an administrative hearing for review pursuant to HRS Chapter 91 for these types of actions as well.

In sum, this bill will enable HPEAP to carry out its responsibilities more effectively.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of House Bill No. 848.