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Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 1286 RELATING TO PRIVATE TRADE, VOCATIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Bill: Narrows the scope of the private trade, vocational, and technical school licensure program within the department of education. Establishes a licensing fee to ensure the sustainability of the licensure program. Establishes a license renewal process and fee. Creates the private trade, vocational, and technical school licensure special fund.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education strongly supports SB 1286 relating to private trade, vocational and technical schools.

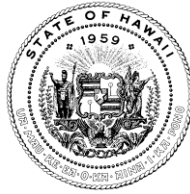
Licensing Private Trade, Vocational or Technical (PTVT) schools is misaligned with the Department's primary mission. Our primary mission is focused on K-12 education to ensure that all public school students can reach their fullest potential and attain their aspirations in the 21st century.

PTVT administration by the DOE continues to take away valuable resources and time that should be solely focused on providing direct services and supports for Hawaii public schools, educators and students.

However, a special fund to support the PTVT licensing program operations will help address budgetary issues and assist with the licensure program's sustainability.

Further, the Department favors the proposed scope of licensure which requires a school to provide evidence that a license is required for students currently receiving or applying to receive financial aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1286.



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AND
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 1286, RELATING TO PRIVATE TRADE,
VOCATIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS**

TO THE HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“DCCA” or “Department”). DCCA appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on S.B. No. 1286, Relating to Private Trade, Vocational, and Technical Schools.

S.B. No. 1286 revises the current private trade, vocational and technical school law that is administered by the Department of Education (“DOE”), creates a private trade, vocational and technical school licensure special fund, and implements a licensure fee.

The Department's testimony relates solely to section 4 of the bill to the extent DCCA is referenced in that section, and takes no position regarding the remainder of the bill. First, regarding section 4 of the bill, the Department requests that references to DCCA complaints history at renewal found on page 8, lines 19 to 21, be revised to expand this renewal requirement to include complaints filed within the prior two years with any state or federal governmental agency or directly with the school. Capturing complaints filed against the school at any venue will provide DOE with a more complete picture of the school's complaints history for purposes of the renewal process. In the alternative, if DOE does not intend to review complaints information at renewal, the Department suggests that this language be deleted from the bill. The Department offers the following proposed language for the Committee's consideration as a possible replacement to the current language found at page 8, lines 19 to 21:

- (2) Submitting a list of complaints officially filed within the past two years with any state or federal government agency or directly with the school; and

Also, regarding section 4 of the bill, subsection (e) on page 9, lines 2 to 7, the Department requests that this subsection be deleted. DCCA has received complaints regarding DOE schools in the past without the need for explicit authorization and is concerned that the language in the bill is both unnecessary and confusing.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on S.B. No 1286. I am available to answer any questions that the Committee may have.

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SENATE BILL NO. 1286

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RELATING TO PRIVATE TRADE, VOCATIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Senate Bill No. 1286 amends Chapter 302A, HRS, and requires the Department of Education to only license certain private trade, vocational, or technical schools that require legal authorization by the State to be considered eligible institutions for student aid programs under the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The purpose of the measure is to narrow the scope of the licensure program and to establish a licensing fee to ensure its sustainability.

The measure also establishes the Private Trade, Vocational, and Technical School Licensure Special Fund. The measure authorizes the deposits of revenues and fees into the special fund established by the bill: initial license fee of \$10,000 and renewal fee of \$10,000 every two years. Moneys in the special fund are to be used to fund activities related to licensure requirements.

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) does not take a position on the licensing of certain private trade, vocational, or technical schools. However, as a matter of general policy, B&F does not support the creation of any special fund which does not

meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3 of the HRS. Special funds should: 1) serve a need that cannot be implemented under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regards to Senate Bill No. 1286, it is uncertain if the special fund will be self-sustaining.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

SB 1286 unfairly targets the Massage Therapy profession in the State of Hawaii. Currently 18 out of 34 licensed vocational schools are engaged in the training of Massage Therapy / Shiatsu. Licensed vocational schools would be hard-pressed to survive the financial burden that SB1286 places upon them. The quality of massage therapy training and the massage therapy profession in the State of Hawaii would suffer as a result, restricting options for quality massage therapy training throughout the Islands.

I am writing in opposition to SB 1286 for the following reasons:

The timeline proposed by SB1286 is unrealistic and impossible to meet. For Massage Therapy schools, the only route to accreditation is through COMTA (Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation). The initial application process for can easily take 1 year or more. SB1286 requires that schools be in compliance with these standards by September 1, 2017, an unrealistic timeframe.

The cost of accreditation would result in higher, less affordable tuition rates for our students. While accreditation is a laudable goal for a school, it is one which incurs significant cost (1) the cost of the initial accreditation process (approximately \$10,000), (2) the annual cost of accreditation (\$1500+ per year), and (3) the financial and administrative burden involved in maintaining accreditation status.

Requiring accreditation as a criterion for vocational license is impossible for Massage Therapy schools! For a school to be eligible to apply for COMTA accreditation, the school or program must be state-approved!

"Prior to accreditation, programs must receive state and/or any other applicable approvals to offer the certificate or degree.

...A. The programs under consideration for COMTA accreditation have current approval(s) as required by law and regulation in their jurisdictions, including state education agencies, state private postsecondary regulators, or massage or esthetics licensing boards."

COMTA Accreditation Standards: http://comta.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2015/12/COMTA-Standards-vis-a-vis-Endorsed-Curriculum-Reqs-2015_11.pdf

Accreditation favors large institutions and corporations. Small, independently-owned massage schools generally cannot afford the overhead which comes with accreditation.

Currently there are only 49 accredited massage therapy training programs in the U.S. Almost half of the programs listed are within larger institutions, such as community colleges or technical schools. COMTA acknowledges the burden that accreditation places on smaller schools:

"In the last few years, there have been many national conversations about the need for improved and consistent educational standards in the massage/bodywork field. At the same time, there are many professionals who question mandatory accreditation because of the burden for smaller schools.

"As a solution, the Commission unveiled this innovative status in May 2015 to recognize quality curriculum and instruction without the additional financial and administrative burden of accreditation. This will honor those schools doing exceptional work, incorporating the COMTA Curriculum Competencies and

ELAP Outcomes into their programs, and help move the profession forward in a more inclusive manner."

<https://comta.org/about-comta/comta-endorsed-curriculum/>

The proposed licensing fees are exorbitant. The initial license fee of \$10,000, and subsequent renewal fee every two years of \$10,000, is an exorbitant fee. The current fee of \$50 could certainly stand to be increased. However the \$10,000 fee would be burdensome to each individual school.

On the practical level, SB 1286 is ill-conceived and impractical. I strongly oppose it.

Sincerely,



Shelagh Lampshire

Director

Maui School of Therapeutic Massage

February 3, 2017

Re: SB1286 Bill - DOE licensure for Vocational and Trade Schools

Dear Representatives,

My name is Carmel Andrews, and I am writing in representation of the Maui Academy of Healing Arts. We are a vocational school for massage therapy licensure for the State of Hawaii, in operation since 1988. I am writing to declare **opposition** to the current bill set for hearing on Wednesday Feb. 8th, in regards to the DOE's revised proposals for licensure to local trade and vocational schools.

The effect of this proposal would have devastating consequence to our ability to provide this educational alternative to the community. For decades MAHA has operated in compliance with the DOE in order to provide a high standard alternative education to not only the local community, but students from all the across the US and even internationally.

We provide education opportunities to veterans through VA funding, international students, Native Hawaiian students via the Alu Like scholarship, and even most currently through scholarships from the local womens shelter to victims of domestic violence. Although we may continue to provide some of these services, our school also depends on the diversity of students coming from different regions to train and perhaps return to their respective states and be able to transfer their DOE approved education credit to their licensing board so that they may legally practice their trade and retain the value of their education. I believe is also necessary to have this approval to maintain our VA program.

We support the ability for the DOE to administer to us, and are willing to negotiate to have that administration continue, however the proposed bill SB1286 is not only burdensome and untimely, but frankly, borders extortionist in its fee revision and expectation. NO small vocational school will be able to meet and comply with the proposal set forth, much less maintain the exorbitant application and renewal fees. These fees are burdensome in the extreme. The DOE also in asking for these fees, demands that we in tandem maintain OUTSIDE accreditation with a third party agency (in our case this would be COMTA.org) which also carries a massive application fee, and renewal fees. If the DOE is not interested in regulating the curriculum for our vocational programs and demands it be accredited by an alternate agency so that they meet a standard, why are we paying an additional 9,000\$ every two years to the DOE to administer to us? Why not just request accreditation or some alternative requirement? At the very least this needs further testimony and negotiation.

This bill would give our school 7 months to come into compliance with almost 70,000\$ in fees and bonds, and demand that we obtain accreditation from an outside source that can take more than a year to finalize. Concurrently, if a vocational would wish to pursue this process in any time frame outside of their current valid DOE licensure, for instance if more time was needed to manage the large fee submission and create a functioning administration to meet these new requirements....they could expire their current DOE approval, not be able to renew it, and in turn NOT be able to apply for accreditation

by a third party agency because they require valid DOE licensure. As proposed, this would shut down the ability ongoing for ANY school to comply, at least within our field.

This does not even begin to address the personal administrative burden each school would have to take on in order to document and comply with federal agencies regarding student aid, and maintenance of third party accreditation. All of our curriculum would be monitored by an outside agency and we would in essence be paying the DOE an exorbitant rate to do very nearly what it does now. This is unacceptable.

Lastly, if we chose not to meet these outrageous proposals for licensure, we would lose the diversity of our student body, and practitioners gaining Hawaii licensure would lose their ability to maintain a license if they ever needed to work or live on the mainland, or apply for additional certifications.

Massage Therapy is rapidly growing and evolving into a highly respected adjunct healthcare modality. In many states practitioners are now legally accepted as licensed healthcare providers capable of working with private health insurance and personal injury. There are many cohesive organizations that are working very hard to raise the standard for education and practice across the country. We support the raise in this bar, we are a NCBTMB assigned school, we carry membership and liability coverage through ABMP and we are already required to meet a competitive educational standard ourselves as licensed therapists and instructors of massage, but MUCH of our ability to participate and move freely within our national career structure relies on the fact that our education carries DOE approval. This bill would be a step away from what the rest of the nation is working towards in order to bring greater support and legitimacy to our field. It would cripple the small vocational schools ability to be effective to our community or to even sustain a for profit business model.

Again I write in strong **opposition** to this bill in favor of additional discussion on how to better serve our community and small businesses.

Sincerely,

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Re: SB1286 Bill - DOE licensure for Vocational and Trade Schools

Dear Representatives,

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Dr. Mark Olson, Director, Pacific Center for Awareness and Bodywork, Kilauea, Hawaii

Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 3:00pm

Opposition to S.B. 1286, Relating to the Licensing of Private Trade, Vocational, and Technical Schools

Honorable Chairpersons and Members of the EDU & CPH Committees:

The Pacific Center for Awareness and Bodywork has provided quality vocational education for Hawai`i residents and has been licensed by the DOE for 25 years. We support the career development of Hawai`i residents, and our national reputation also brings mainland dollars to the state by attracting students from most US states and Canadian provinces. Unlike most US massage schools in 2017 that have dropping enrollment numbers, we have a waiting list for admission. Our students hear of us primarily via word-of-mouth due to our reputation for offering an advanced training program that integrates bodywork, neuroscience, and extensive communication skills that are not offered anywhere else in the country. **I strongly oppose SB1286 because it kills our business in 2017 by making it impossible to obtain a DOE license, which we need to operate.**

Perhaps the DOE has too large of a workload and perhaps some unaccredited schools don't need a DOE license to operate, but **the solution is not throwing unaccredited schools that DO require DOE licenses to the curb, which is what this bill does. The DOE should keep ALL the schools that depend on a DOE license, not just those that require Title IV funding.**

The following outlines the specific reasons for my opposition.

1. **Unaccredited massage schools also require a DOE license to survive.** Schools that receive Title IV funding are not the only ones that need a DOE license in order to function. A DOE license is necessary so that massage graduates can have their transcripts accepted in any state where they apply for a massage license. Transferability is one of the most important factors in a student's decision to enroll. Massage education in Hawaii that is not obtained from a DOE-licensed program is not transferrable to most states, so without the DOE license we cannot attract enough students to have a successful business or give graduates career options outside of the state.
2. **It negatively impacts students' ability to afford school and begin their careers.** Raising the application fee from \$50 to \$10,000 and requiring accreditation, which also costs at least \$10,000, will increase out-of-pocket costs for students. Such an addition to tuition, which is already challenging for most students, would prevent many would-be students from taking this first step in their careers.
3. **Closing massage schools will mean fewer economic options for Hawai`i residents.** Closing vocational massage programs in Hawai`i will mean that more massage students will travel to the mainland for their education, and spas will have to hire more graduates from the mainland.
4. **Requiring accreditation while charging \$10,000 for nothing is tantamount to extortion.** If the DOE won't be reviewing the vocational curriculum and is giving this job to the accreditation agency, then what is this \$10,000 used for? We shouldn't have to pay BOTH the DOE and the accreditation agency for doing quality control. Drop one or give the schools a choice between them.
5. **Requiring small schools to be accredited is unnecessarily burdensome.** Standards are important, but small schools do not have the human resources to designate to the enormous task of accreditation. This is especially true if the large amount of paperwork for the DOE application is not

reduced to become congruent with the small amount of effort that the DOE wants to allot to reviewing its contents. Accreditation will only create burdensome bureaucratic busywork and paper pushing and likely lessen the quality of education in schools by devoting our few resources away from student enrichment and program development. Furthermore, if licensing requires accreditation, but accreditation requires licensing, there's no way to get either if one of these is missing by the effective date.

6. **The September 2017 date is beyond burdensome--it's impossible and unethical.** The process of accreditation, even if it moved along at the fastest possible speed (which it wouldn't for us since we would be busy conducting classes through June), could NOT be accomplished by September 1, 2017, much less June 30, 2017 when the next DOE applications are due. The accreditation agency needs to schedule site visits when the school is in session, which wouldn't be possible for us until January 2018 at the earliest since we do not have classes from June to January. In addition, we wouldn't have classes to visit in 2018 unless we already had DOE approval beyond September 2017. Furthermore, in order to accommodate the extra costs for accreditation and licensing, we would likely have to boost enrollment numbers, which are currently capped by facility size. Thus, we would need to find a new facility, which is a nearly impossible task on Kaua'i and would likely take many years to accomplish. Giving businesses enough time to adapt is basic courtesy and common sense. If this bill passes with an effective date prior to September 1, 2019, I will instigate or join a class action suit against the State for damaging my business and my family's livelihood.
7. **The bill is designed only for the DOE, not for Hawai'i residents.** When I read this bill, my sense is that the authors don't care about vocational school education or the school owners, school employees, trained graduates, and the communities they all serve. The only focus is the DOE workload. There's no option provided for non-accredited schools other than to close their doors. Five-year business plans of many, including myself, are instantly reduced to 5-month plans. **What good is the mission "to serve and protect the public" if the result of that attempt is to force quality education programs out of existence? Is the State really okay with forcing all Hawai'i massage schools out of existence when they offer such a viable career choice for residents of our tourism-based economy? Is the State really okay with forcing residents to the mainland for their education and giving more vocational jobs to mainlanders?**

I urge you to defeat SB1286.

- **It takes DOE licenses away from schools that need DOE licenses.**
- **It will reduce vocational education options for residents, closing almost all massage schools.**
- **It will make entry into vocational schools less financially feasible.**
- **It forces unreasonable and unethical expenses onto schools.**
- **It forces burdensome and unnecessary paperwork onto schools.**
- **It has an unreasonable and unethical timeline.**

But if you are going to pass it for the DOE, please amend it with the following two changes:

1. **Give schools a choice between requiring accreditation and raising the fee to \$10,000.** Keep the DOE application fee near \$100 for accredited schools and find a less drastic amount than \$10,000 for the non-accredited ones (or scale the fee up gradually).
2. **Set a reasonable timeline.** Change the date from September 1, 2017 to September 1, 2019 if dropping the accreditation requirement or to September 1, 2023 if keeping the accreditation requirement. Don't put us out of business in 2017.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

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Testimony SB1286

Relating to Private Trade, Vocational and Technical Schools

Wednesday , February 8, 2017 3:00 PM Room 229

Testifying: Margaret Williams, President, Hawaii Institute of Hair Design

Honorable Chairpersons and Members of these Committees:

I am Margaret Williams, The Administrator of Hawaii Institute of Hair Design, a Private Postsecondary School currently licensed by the Department of Education, State of Hawaii. The Hawaii Institute of Hair Design is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges. Our students receive Title IV Aid if they qualify. **I oppose the removal of Non-Accredited Schools from Private Trade, Vocational and Technical School licensure by the Department of Education. I oppose this bill in its entirety.**

The Department of Education has been efficiently issuing licenses to schools for decades. In the past, it took only a few weeks of time for two persons to do the reviews necessary for licensing and renewing schools. Those reviews are done in the slower summer months. The Department of Education should continue to do their job, protecting the older children of Hawaii.

The state authorizes all of the public college programs, why remove licenses from private school programs? This would give the public sector and community

colleges a monopoly. Private cooking and pastry, massage and acupuncture, auto mechanic, medical, healthcare, maritime, barber, grounds maintenance and food service, computer, business applications workplace skills, and accounting are taught at DOE licensed schools. The community college career and technical education programs are authorized by the Board of Regents under the State Constitution. Many of the programs offered by the private schools are also taught at the community colleges. The students at the community colleges have the backing and protection of the state and the constitution, Why not at the private schools? What makes the students who have chosen to get their education at private schools any less worthy of state oversight than of those attending a school that is public? All students should be able to attend school under the security of a state authority overview. No other government agency wants to take on the extra responsibilities. The DOE has been able to complete the school reviews efficiently and should continue to do their job. (Utilizing just a few weeks of two staff members time.) State licensure is a stepping stone towards National Accreditation. Without a license, how will these schools achieve accreditation, The bill would create a restrictive monopoly for established accredited schools and the community colleges No future unlicensed schools could ever achieve National Accreditation..

The bill is speaking of turning the student complaints over to RICCO. I believe RICCO accepts only complaints on licensed trades. Cooking, business, food service, computers, etc. are not DCCA licensed fields. Would RICCO accept and investigate complaints on these programs?

If is this legislation just throwing caution to the wind and allowing every Tom, Dick, and Harry to open a school without a license, causing them to try to open, charge tuition, and end up closing the schools, running off with their students' hard earned money because they were not prepared to succeed, did not have rules to prepare to run a school properly: rules like , curriculum, financial stability,

integrity in reputation, floor plans, health, fire and building dept. approval, experienced teachers. We need to protect Hawaii's students from fraud!

Why should the license and renewal fees be \$10,000.00? How would the state use the fund? Although the unaccredited schools are smaller, all of the Accredited Schools in Hawaii are not large. HIHD has 67 students and the last time I checked, Med Assist had 35 and Travel Institute had 68. The really large colleges with hundreds of students can afford such fees. Smaller schools will struggle. The state pays for the Community college oversee; can the taxes we pay not cover our fees? Unlike the public Colleges, the Private Postsecondary Schools do not ask the state to pay our teachers or for maintenance of our buildings. We are doing the state a service in educating the children of Hawaii, getting them to work, and keeping many out of prison or off the welfare rolls.

The standard definition of "license" is "a permit from an authority to own or use ...do a particular thing or carry on a trade". It is not practical to legislate a new definition in a bill like this one. .

This bill should take effect in September of 2017. Licenses expire on August 31, 2017 and must be continuous. Continuous renewal would not be possible, even for the accredited schools, if the Renewal applications do not arrive until after the bill takes effect.

I am so pleased to see that this bill recognizes that Accredited Schools need the DOE licensure to keep financial Aid available for our students. Thank you very much.

And thank you for hearing my concerns. Please continue to protect the people who are not college bound and chose to learn to become employable by attending a private school. Please have the DOE do their job and defeat this bill

Mahalo, Margaret Willilams

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Shaheen Mulkern	Mulkern Landscaping & Nursery	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill, because it creates an unnecessary financial burden on small businesses. Many of the measures proposed are already in place. Our state does not need any more agencies that duplicate services.

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ken bevis	island spirit massage school	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Melissa Kikkert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Many therapists will not be able to afford the renewal license fee as we have multiple jobs to afford living on Maui. Passing this bill would be a devastating blow to many of us and our families.

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noelle manriquez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is stupid

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia Rose	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: February 6, 2017 Re: SB1286 Bill - DOE licensure for Vocational and Trade Schools Dear Representatives, My name is Cynthia E. Rose, and I am writing in representation of the Maui Academy of Healing Arts. We are a vocational school for massage therapy licensure for the State of Hawaii, in operation since 1988. I am writing to declare opposition to the current bill set for hearing on Wednesday Feb. 8th, in regards to the DOE's revised proposals for licensure to local trade and vocational schools. The effect of this proposal would have devastating consequence to our ability to provide this educational alternative to the community. For decades MAHA has operated in compliance with the DOE in order to provide a high standard alternative education to not only the local community, but students from all the across the US and even internationally. We provide education opportunities to veterans through VA funding, international students, Native Hawaiian students via the Alu Like scholarship, and even most currently through scholarships from the local womens shelter to victims of domestic violence. Although we may continue to provide some of these services, our school also depends on the diversity of students coming from different regions to train and perhaps return to their respective states and be able to transfer their DOE approved education credit to their licensing board so that they may legally practice their trade and retain the value of their education. I believe is also necessary to have this approval to maintain our VA program. We support the ability for the DOE to administer to us, and are willing to negotiate to have that administration continue, however the proposed bill SB1286 is not only burdensome and untimely, but frankly, borders extortionist in its fee revision and expectation. NO small vocational school will be able to meet and comply with the proposal set forth, much less maintain the exorbitant application and renewal fees. These fees are burdensome in the extreme. The DOE also in asking for these fees, demands that we in tandem maintain OUTSIDE accreditation with a third party agency (in our case this would be COMTA.org) which also carries a massive application fee, and renewal fees. If the DOE is not interested in regulating the curriculum for our vocational programs and demands it be accredited by an alternate agency so that they meet a standard, why are we paying an additional 9,000\$ every two years to the DOE to administer to us? Why not just request accreditation or some alternative requirement? At the very least this needs further testimony and negotiation. This bill would give our

school 7 months to come into compliance with almost 70,000\$ in fees and bonds, and demand that we obtain accreditation from an outside source that can take more than a year to finalize. Concurrently, if a vocational would wish to pursue this process in any time frame outside of their current valid DOE licensure, for instance if more time was needed to manage the large fee submission and create a functioning administration to meet these new requirements....they could expire their current DOE approval, not be able to renew it, and in turn NOT be able to apply for accreditation by a third party agency because they require valid DOE licensure. As proposed, this would shut down the ability ongoing for ANY school to comply, at least within our field. This does not even begin to address the personal administrative burden each school would have to take on in order to document and comply with federal agencies regarding student aid, and maintenance of third party accreditation. All of our curriculum would be monitored by an outside agency and we would in essence be paying the DOE an exorbitant rate to do very nearly what it does now. This is unacceptable. Lastly, if we chose not to meet these outrageous proposals for licensure, we would lose the diversity of our student body, and practitioners gaining Hawaii licensure would lose their ability to maintain a license if they ever needed to work or live on the mainland, or apply for additional certifications. Massage Therapy is rapidly growing and evolving into a highly respected adjunct healthcare modality. In many states practitioners are now legally accepted as licensed healthcare providers capable of working with private health insurance and personal injury. There are many cohesive organizations that are working very hard to raise the standard for education and practice across the country. We support the raise in this bar, we are a NCBTMB assigned school, we carry membership and liability coverage through ABMP and we are already required to meet a competitive educational standard ourselves as licensed therapists and instructors of massage, but MUCH of our ability to participate and move freely within our national career structure relies on the fact that our education carries DOE approval. This bill would be a step away from what the rest of the nation is working towards in order to bring greater support and legitimacy to our field. It would cripple the small vocational schools ability to be effective to our community or to even sustain a for profit business model. Again I write in strong opposition to this bill in favor of additional discussion on how to better serve our community and small businesses. Sincerely, Cynthia E. Rose, LMT (808) 573-2621

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Carol Hart	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ginniveve Reinhardt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The education I received at Pacific Center for Awareness and Bodywork was very important to me. It was a non-accredited vocational school and I wouldn't have applied for Federal Financial Aid. I am also a massage teacher and I know that this bill would incapacitate small schools, which are so valuable to our communities. If schools land in big corporate hands only (those are who can afford to go through the process) our educational opportunities will be greatly diminished. In addition, private schools that do not accept FAFSA are quite valuable in that only students who can pay for their schooling attend. This creates a very different learning environment, where each student values their education because they are paying for every hour. I have seen the difference between federally funded schools and private schools (I'm speaking of adult education here) and the student base of the latter is extremely motivated, attentive and high performing. This type of environment needs to continue to exist.

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Dawn Valentino	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I am currently a student from Maui Academy of Healing Arts (MAHA) here on Maui. As a mother I selected to go back to school to be an example for my children after my husband and I were effected by the closure of Makena beach and golf resort. We oppose this bill because it could possibly close these smaller schools and or businesses. For some individuals who select to attend a vocational or technical school learn better in a smaller setting. Please reconsider the SB1286 bill. As many students who come to study from other states to broaden their education skills here in Hawai'i. Hawai'i already requires much more hours then some,other states which is of such value and importance. This bill if passed will no longer give high school graduates other options nor families such like ours an opportunity to return to school without feel intimidated or pressured.

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Rosemary Forst	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shelby Brekke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vocational schools are a vital form of education for many many people. Going to Pacific Center for Awareness and Bodywork was one of the best things I ever did in my life. I now know a skill that can support myself and a future family, and I was able to go to school affordably. Please do not take away the ability for these schools to provide incredible and unique education for countless people. We need vocational schools!

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Edie Monaghan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill will destabilize small vocational schools which support families and communities in ways that colleges support the work industry. Please find a better solution.

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Jofelyne	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jaimie Cretella	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stephen Luksic	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ryan Mulnick	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is on behalf of myself, The Pacific Center for Awareness and Bodywork, and all future graduates of this institution, that I write to firmly oppose measure SB1286. My time at PCAB was deeply transformative, enriching my life during my time there, and in every day since. During my time at school, as a 23 year old, I had an unexpected child. I have fed my family every since with the skills I honed during my time at school, offering thousands of hours of bodywork and relieving the suffering of many. I now have the honor of teaching at the Center, witnessing in the daily transformation and growth within the current class of students, who in turn, will have the opportunity to pass on the legacy I, and all other past graduates, received. Please consider the gravity that the passing of this bill will have, not only for the future students and teachers of the various institutions, but in the impact it will have in countless lives that will be the recipients of this work. Thank you for your time and heartfelt considerations.

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elizabeth reeves	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If you truly want to narrow down the scope of the lawworld thus bill pertains to, do not pass sb1286. The DOE has no business in regulating vocational and technical schools past 12th grade. The onus is on the consumer. The law was designed to protect the consumer yet this bill in no way can stop someone doing bad business, which happens with or without licensure. Kill this bill!

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Raphiell Nolin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have been an instructor at the Maui School of Therapeutic Massage for over 20 years. We are one of the most highly recognized program in the country. And have trained thousands of therapists since 1995. Our students have gone on to successful careers in massage therapy in Hawaii and all over the world. The proposed bill would force the closure of our school and most of the massage schools in the state and give grads no reciprocity in other states that require DOE recognition. It is ridiculous and this bill should be defeated.

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Andrea Cesarek	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I attend the Pacific Center for Bodywork and Awareness in Kilauea on Kauai. It's an incredible school and if this bill passes the school does not have the resources to comply with the new criteria and thus will have to be shut down. Either that or it will add greater expense which will cost a sharp tuition increase. Please do not pass this bill.

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Tara Grace	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sami Walden	Individual	Oppose	No

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Laura Kaplan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose to SB1286. As a tax paying resident of the State of Hawaii and a former student of Maui Academy of Healing Arts, this legislation is not sound. I was a massage school student, I run a massage business and I pay a large sum of GET tax as a result of this. The State of Hawaii has a very rich spa culture to complement our tourism industry. The therapists in these spas have all gone to school in Hawaii at massage schools that are now threatened with closure due to the excessive fees of SB1286. Please do not vote yes on this bill. Save our rich spa culture. Save our massage schools. Save jobs!

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Anika Hoffmann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Small schools like the Pacific Center for Awareness and bodywork in Kauai changed my life and I am happy this school was available for me to attend. . The world needs more schools like this..please stop this bill!

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robin kutkowski	Individual	Oppose	No

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shamila	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill going through would be the end to a very beloved school. Pacific center and awareness and bodywork is one of the Harvards of massage schools and many many people would 100% agree of its positive impact in the massage therapist and body worker community. Please to not pass this bill. Thank you for your time.

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Kim Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I would hate to lose my LMT license after working an entire year for it and spending \$10K of my own money (times 2 because it was my husband and I). I'm sure my clients would agree.

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Catherine Fales	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please heed the opposing views on how deeply this bill will adversely affect types of preventative care that so many massage therapy schools and businesses provide in the medical profession. Statistics are on the side of prevention in this field, and saves \$\$\$\$\$ to the state and the clients who need and use these services

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Erica Baer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Attending PCAB, a vocational school on Kauai, was a great opportunity for me and my classmates to learn massage in small, caring environment. I did not receive any financial aid for the program. I have been a practicing, licensed massage therapist for over a year now with many happy return clients. Please do not pass this bill so amazing, small scale schools like PCAB can stay operational and affordable to their potential students. Thank you.

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John Fujimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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maria linz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This proposal would be detrimental and put nearly every massage school in Hawaii out of business. The fee is exorbitant and ridiculous. Small vocational schools give opportunities to people who may otherwise not be able to afford to pursue an education which can provide a legitimate career for their future. Without scholarship programs, work trade programs, and reasonably priced programs, I and nearly every massage therapist I know would have been unable to afford school. These schools are not bringing in huge profits, most are barely able to float their expenses and keep the schools open. Adding such an absurd fee every two years will surely crush the vocational school system. It is also important that the DOE continues regulating and running the vocational schools because without their involvement, licenses acquired in the state of Hawaii will be useless elsewhere in the country. This bill will cripple the vocational school and trade industry in Hawaii. I strongly oppose the bill and ask you to do the same. Mahalo!

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Christopher Schroeder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please dont shut down non-accredited vocational schools. We need more educational opportunities, not less. thankyou

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rachel	Individual	Oppose	No

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jason thill	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is no chance I would be in school had I needed to apply for financial aid.

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cheryl higgins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nathan Sharples	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill would not allow any school to become licensed unless its students received Title IV financial aid, which would require dozens of smaller schools (such as The Pacific Center for Awareness and Bodywork, of which I am a part) to jump through hoops that they simply do not have the financial or human resources for. Please find a more balanced solution and do not pass this bill!

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Rosa McAllister	Individual	Oppose	No

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Danielle	Individual	Oppose	No

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kaori iwatake	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kellie A Berns	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please fail this bill. It will extremely effect many people who rely on vocational work for our income.

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Matt Andrews	Individual	Oppose	No

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carole madsen	Individual	Oppose	No

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joshua byrd	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This will make things very difficult, if not impossible for my massage school to continue existing. Please consider better options

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Alexandra Berry	Individual	Oppose	No

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jacob camara	Individual	Oppose	No

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Patricia Krown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: These vocational schools provide a HUGE service on sooooo many levels. Affordable education, services to the community, options for those that choose other educational opportunities. Currently how they are approved is affordable for those who choose to own/offer these schools. Changing this option would put a great hardship on the current owners and surely put most of them out of business. Not a good option for our community.

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lisa bartosiewicz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ariane hjelle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I received a valuable, important, education at a non-accredited vocational school on Kauai last year, and I would not have applied for financial aid to attend.

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DONNA TOLLEY	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I did not apply for financial aid and my non-accredited vocational massage school, pacific center for awareness and bodywork changed my life. I cannot imagine if this would not be an option for future massage students. It set me on a path where in less than three years i am a small business owner and therapist, and it is very important that it stays open and creating opportunities for people who cannot afford traditional more expensive schools. thanks

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Dean Gross	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill would put an extreme and undue burden on vocational schools, in many cases shutting down a valuable resources that benefit all people.

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isabelle Fisher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I went to a massage school, and would not have applied for Federal Financial Aid, massage has been my whole career, and I would not have been able to have this career if I had to apply for federal financial aid. This would very much limit a lot of people from having a massage career, which would be a shame, as it is such a good path. Mahalo for reading, Isabelle

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Ava Collet	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a student who graduated from Pacific Center of Awareness and Bodywork in 2016, with more than adequate knowledge and resources for my skilled trade as a massage therapist, I see no feasible reason why trade or vocational school such as PCAB are under scrutiny to jump through more hoops just to stay eligible to educate their team. Since graduating, I have worked at 2 spas, one local and one internationally, and in both environments I have been surrounded by other employees who have the same skilled trade as a massage therapist. However, most commonly after comparing and trading skills and knowledge, I have found that PCAB has equipped me with more knowledge than many other schools---including university institutions. PCAB gave me an opportunity to build myself and my career after a matter of months; months that were spent with hard work, studying, challenges not for the faint of heart. And although completing the schooling wasn't easy, it built my character and gifted me a supportive future, and the determination to take on new challenges. Since leaving, I have recommended it to many of my friends who are looking for something great for themselves and their future, that they can complete without spending a fortune on university. The only difference between skilled trade or vocational schools versus that of university is the quantity of price, not quality...at least not in my experience with PCAB. I am pleading for you to NOT take away something that benefits so many people, both on the individual and whole level. PCAB has been passed down through generations and this bill will put a stop to a beautiful thing if it goes through. Let us support one another, instead of take away opportunity. Oppose SB1286!

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Brenda Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Renee Riley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill would have very negative impacts on good, long-time vocational schools here in Hawaii. Please vote "no." Aloha, Renée

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: STRONGLY OPPOSE! \$50,000 DOLLARS?!!! This bill is ridiculous! In the case of small schools, such as massage schools, this bill will put them out of business and be a huge detriment to students wanting to better their lives & the lives of others. I beleive strongly in reasonable regulation but this bill is completely out of control and is a great disservice to the people of Hawai`i.

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Kevin Mulhern	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill, because it creates an unnecessary financial burden on small businesses. Many of the measures proposed are already in place. Our state does not need any more agencies that duplicate services.

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Susan Shaheen Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	No

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Katie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I very much oppose this bill. I am a parent and resident in Kauai. This bill is so sudden that our established for 30 years school could not possibly become accredited by September, and we will lose our school, which provides affordable and high quality training to people who choose it. This bill would require they completely change their curriculum to that of a federally run school- the whole point is to offer an alternative for those of us who feel that is important. The bill is not good for the community, and it is not right to suddenly push the bills of the licensing program onto the schools. Please help us defeat it.

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Febrero, 7 , 2017

I am Neidy Mar Prado Hawaii State Licensed Massage Therapist No MAT-14831, I here state that I am TOTALLY OPPOSED SB1286 Bill .that will affect the Independent Vocational Schools like Maui School of Therapeutic Massage (MSTM) , this Bill will affect negative the Massage Therapy profession in the State of Hawaii. The vocational Schools have the affordability to attend without apply for Federal Aids. The quality of education that I personal experienced was exceptional due the high standards and the high qualifies and experienced professors and teachers, covering and extensive program and training. Since I get my Licensed I've been working in this rewarding carrier that full fill my personal expectations, and allow me to help others. I TOTALLY OPPOSE to this Bill that limit the opportunity to others.

Sincerely
Neidy M Prado
LMT No MAT-14831

Shelley Kurose
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Opposing this bill

Applying for this school was a great choice. I didn't need to apply for federal. If this bill moves forward I believe most people would consider it completely unreasonable. Vocational school gave me an opportunity I never thought I'd be given. The quality and experience of my training has helped my personal growth. Massage therapy education affected my life positively in every area and I hope this bill won't ruin it for the others.

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lauren adelman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ernesto	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My name is Ernesto J Prado Hawaii State Licensed Massage Therapist No MAT9365 , I here state that I am TOTALLY OPPOSED SB1286 Bill that will affect the Independent Vocational Schools like Maui School of Therapeutic Massage (MSTM) , this Bill will affect negative the Massage Therapy profession in the State of Hawaii and others vocational carriers The vocational Schools have the affordability to attend without apply for Federal Aids in most cases. The quality of education that I personal experienced was exceptional due the high standards and the high qualifies and experienced professors and teachers, covering and extensive program and training. Since I get my Licensed 12 years ago I've been working in this rewarding carrier that full fill my personal expectations, and allow me to help others. I TOTALLY OPPOSE to this Bill that limit the opportunity to others to have and education and a better life.
Sincerely, Ernesto J Prado LMT 9365

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Karl Wheeler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: DON'T LET THIS PASS!

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Jill Jackson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am so grateful for my education at Pacific Center for Awareness and Bodywork on Kauai. I would be so sad to see that opportunity for education gone.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Asa Dean	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing as a citizen, student, and teacher from a massage therapy school in Hawaii. My experience over the years learning and working with here has been enormously positive. I developed skills and gained experience that has put me in position to be of service to hundreds of Hawaii residents as well as tourists. My jobs at the spa at a Westin Resort as well as a teacher at the massage school both depend on me being able to receive my license here in Hawaii, which depended upon the affordable accreditation of my school. There are hundreds of students each year throughout Hawaii, possibly thousands, who end providing meaningful service to their communities and generating revenue for the state and each of these students, teachers, and massage establishments depend on affordable accreditation and licensing avenues. Please oppose this bill. Thank you, Mahalo, Asa Dean

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darci Frankel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill will be prohibitive for small businesses and individual learning. Vocational schools are good for the economy, individuals and business. I oppose this bill.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a teacher at the secondary education (this refers to high school) level now for 53 years.

I have been a guest teacher at numerous massage schools across the nation and at the MSTM school for the last few years.

MSTM offers students world wide excellent trainings and faculty at reasonable prices and payment plans. They bring numerous people and their families to Hawaii to live and work which contributes to the economy of Hawaii.

When I look at the potential fees going from \$50 to \$10,000 times 3 for the different fees, I am wondering how such an increase could even be considered. If this is accepted, it will quickly change the entire massage community offerings to the condensed version that is quite marketable for wealthy backers for a prototype school. Seeing the small massage schools in different states being eaten up by a conglomerate massage business has a disappointing result for the current massage schools in the state.

The content becomes streamlined, less thorough and disconnects the therapists and the business from the current professional for compassionate delivery. In fact, most all the faculty I have known to work at these schools happily for years could only stay on a short time because the system was so regimented it took away the heartfulness from the work, the practitioner and in this case the state of Hawaii. They would tell me it takes a certain kind of therapist to work for these companies that are all about the bottom line: income and most of them could not stay.

Is this what this legislation wants? I hope the voices from these therapists and massage school owners can be heard. Please listen.

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Marina Galvan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Licensing schools sounds like a good idea. But the reality is the high fees would squeeze out small vocational schools of quality like Maui School of Therapeutic Massage. Please don't sacrifice the opportunity for profound quality education in order to establish a "fund." Where is the problem with the current situation of DOE licensing of vocational schools? There isn't one. This sounds to me like a way for the county to collect more money at the expense of opportunity for education. NO TO THIS BILL.

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Felicia Cowden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The intent of this senate bill 1286 seems to be to close small scale vocational programs. I do not understand the objective otherwise with the high hurdles and costs to a work field that is just a step above community service. On Kauai, we have several small massage programs that are valuable to our community. They help offer training in a direction where people can make a modest living in a reasonably short period of time doing something good for the world. Several of the students I have known have returned from active duty in the middle east with PTSD. Working in the health industry has been a therapeutic way for them to re-direct their lives. It is an accessible way for our Kauai people to work within the tourism industry and for the residents, to the benefit of all. Some of the other students come elsewhere. The message licensing programs of which I am aware help the people in our community by offering message, structural integration and other health benefits at a fraction of the costs as models for the students. They often attend fund-raiser event with their tables helping community needs. Public service seems to be a part of what is encouraged, especially for the off-island students who show up as volunteer workers in our food forest, community farm, Waipa Foundation and other areas. It would be a loss at a number of levels if this bill passes, as it will effectively end this asset to Kauai. Felicia Cowden Kilauea, Kauai

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Aaron Feinberg	Individual	Oppose	No

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Max Lemaire	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Kramer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The cost is prohibitive for small entities, the commencement date impossible, and the requirement for accreditation unwarranted

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sudie noland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. I am a licensed massage therapist in the state of Hawaii and went to a vocational school for my training. This bill would literally close down the school I went to because of the starting date of when the bill would take effect. There is no possibly way that an unaccredited school could get accredited by September. No Possible Way. And to get accredited it would mean that they would have to completely change their curriculum to that of standard federaly run classes. The curriculum at my previous school helped me tremendously with how to support my clients giving interpersonal techniques while in a therapeutic relationship. This school has been a part of our Kauai community for 30 years and gives our island an affordable and high quality training that is practical for residents to begin a career. I strongly oppose this bill. Please help us defeat it. This bill is only in the interest of government employees and not for the people. Please support our island and keep our schools running. Mahalo nui loa.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elisabeth Werthwim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill would effectively close all massage schools in our state except for a couple of college programs that are substandard at best

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Testimony in Opposition of SB1286,
RELATING TO PRIVATE TRADE, VOCATIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.,
Submitted to: The Senate Committee EDU/CPH

Aloha Chairs Kidani and Chair Baker and Members of the Committees,

I oppose Bill SB1286 .

I am a licensed massage therapist in the State of Hawaii and attended a small school on the Big Island of Hawaii, HISBT, where I received a world class education. At the time we were considered one of the top 5 massage schools in the country.

Had this proposed Bill SB1286 been in force my school may not have existed. After speaking with the owners of a few Massage Schools, I am convinced that they will not survive the licensing fees and accreditation fees levied by this proposed Bill SB1286 as most of these schools have quite a small student body. No doubt the fees would fall upon the students tuition. The schools would likely close leaving us with Apprenticeship Programs as the only way to get licensed in this State of Hawaii. Quite honestly, the way this Bill is written it considers fees and management of fees more than the impact on and understanding of how a Massage School actually operates.

At a minimum, please allow for more input from the Massage Schools which will be affected to come to a viable plan to insure quality of education and practicality of the business surviving. Also, please allow the schools that are currently operational to have more time to come into compliance with whatever is ultimately agreed upon.

It is my opinion that passing of this Bill SB1286 would result in lower standard of Massage Therapy training in the Sate of Hawaii. I oppose Bill SB 1286.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Ann E. Rothstein

Submitted on: February 7, 2017
Testimony on Bill # SB1286, RELATING TO PRIVATE TRADE, VOCATIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.,
on Wednesday February 8, 2017 in front of COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION and COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH in Conference Room #. 229

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Amy	Individual	Oppose	No

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February 7, 2017

Re: Opposition to Bill SB1286 - DOE licensure for Vocational and Trade Schools

Dear Representatives,

My name is Frances Salvato, and I am the Director of Education at the Maui School of Therapeutic Massage (MSTM) located in Makawao, Hawaii. MSTM is a vocational school for massage therapy licensure in the State of Hawaii, in operation since 1995. I am writing to declare my **opposition** to the current bill set for hearing on Wednesday Feb. 8th, in respect to the DOE's proposed changes to licensing requirements for Hawaii's trade and vocational schools.

The effect of this proposal would have devastating consequence to our ability to provide this education in our community. For decades MSTM has operated in compliance with the DOE in order to provide a high standard of education, not only for our local community, but for students from all the across the US and the world.

We have provided education opportunities to veterans through VA funding, Native Hawaiian students who receive Alu Like scholarships, victims of domestic violence via scholarships from local women's shelters, and we provide student visas to our international students. We need DOE license to maintain our VA program and to provide student visas. Due to our island's small population, our school depends on attracting students from other states who plan to return home after training. They must use their DOE licensed school credits to qualify for their state's license, to legally practice their trade and retain the value of their education.

We support the DOE's administration of our school, and want that administration to continue, but the proposed bill SB1286 would cause crushing increases to our licensing fees. This is discriminatory toward small businesses. No small vocational school will be able to meet and comply with the proposed requirements as set forth, or afford the exorbitant fees for application and renewals. These fees are oppressive for small businesses such as ours. The proposal also demands that we maintain outside accreditation with a third party agency (in our case this would be COMTA) which also charges massive application and renewal fees. If the DOE does not wish to regulate the curriculum for our vocational programs and instead requires accreditation by an alternate agency, what is the reason for charging an additional \$9,000 biannually? At the very least this needs further discussion and negotiation.

The bill would give our school only 7 months to comply with COMTA requirements and obtain their accreditation which takes well over a year to finalize, plus almost \$70,000 in fees and bonds! There is a catch 22 for a vocational school that can't accomplish accreditation in this impossible timeframe or afford the exorbitant fees: they would lose their current DOE license and would not be allowed to renew it, and then their accreditation would be denied for lack of a DOE license! As proposed, this bill would prohibit any new schools from qualifying for accreditation, at least in the massage therapy field.

This does not even begin to address the personal administrative burden each school would have to take on in order to document and comply with federal agencies regarding student aid, and the multitude of other requirements for maintaining accreditation. All of our curriculum would be monitored by an outside agency and we would be paying the DOE an exorbitant rate to do very nearly what it does now. This is unacceptable.

If we chose not to meet these onerous licensing requirements, we'd lose diversity in our student body, and practitioners with a Hawaii LMT license would no longer be able to relocate to the mainland and become licensed in other states, or apply for National Certification as they can now.

Over the last few decades, Massage Therapy has grown rapidly and evolved into a highly respected adjunct healthcare modality. In many states and countries, massage practitioners are now legally accepted as licensed healthcare providers for private health insurance, auto insurance, workers compensation, and personal injury claims. There are many cohesive organizations working hard to raise educational standards across the country and define our scope of practice and standard of care. We support raising the bar; we are a NCBTMB assigned school; we carry membership and liability coverage through ABMP, and we are already required to meet competitive educational standards as licensed therapists and instructors of massage. As therapists, our ability to participate and move freely within our national career structure relies on the fact that our school has a DOE license. This bill would be a step away from what the rest of the nation is working towards to bring greater legitimacy to our field. It would cripple the small vocational schools and leave only large institutional owners who are not even practitioners themselves, but motivated only by profit without any understanding of the profession.

I'm opposed to Bill SB1286 and would like to see more discussion on how to better serve our community and small businesses.

Sincerely,

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martha spence	Individual	Oppose	No

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aviva livitsky	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mary Bouton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lana Olson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I attended a vocational school that this bill would render non-existent. That school changed my life in innumerable positive ways in addition to providing me with a livelihood that allows me to give back to the economy and community on Kauai. These small schools need to continue to exist in the state to provide its citizens with a valuable toolset without the overhead required of larger institutions so that they can continue to provide quality, affordable, vocational education.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeremiah Podleski	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Representatives, As a recent graduate of the Maui School of Therapeutic Massage (MSTM) I am writing to voice my opposition to SB-1286. I want to express my satisfaction with the current system, and my opposition to the changes that SB-1286 will likely bring as follows: 1. My school provided an excellent education: Let me first say that my quality of education at MSTM was excellent. I am currently in Canada, and am living with my wife who is going to school here to become a registered massage therapist. Canada has probably the most rigorous schooling for massage therapy in the world, requiring between 2000 and 3500 hours of training. I can tell you that my training at MSTM, while briefer, equals or exceeds the training my wife is receiving on a per content basis. We had more instructors, with more experience, and learned a number of massage approaches and paradigms which I value greatly, yet my wife will only touch upon in her program. 2. My excellent education was affordable (I was able to attend without taking out student loans): My school, MSTM, can remain price competitive in the global education market, which draws students from all over the world to enrich the HI state economy and culture. My school is able to stay competitive because their licensing fees are very reasonable in the State of Hawaii. SB-1286 will likely increase the fees for my school in a very unreasonable way. From what I understand, the current fees are \$50 and SB-1286 would open the door for them to increase from \$50 to \$10,000! In addition the fees to get certified via a third party such as COMTA would be an additional sum of \$10,000 plus annual fees! This is just not acceptable or wise, and seems like a requirement that is designed to put small schools out of business. Small independent schools cannot afford these high rates and many would go out of business which would harm the Hawaii state people's educational options and economy, as well as harm the educational options of citizens from all places who might otherwise come to Hawaii for schooling like I did. 3. SB-1286 will harm the Hawaii state economy greatly: I can tell you that I would not have come to HI to study and spend my money had the price of the education options been too high. I know that many of my fellow students would say the same. I do not have statistics, but I can only imagine that the total economic benefit to HI of it's many small, independent schools must easily be in the many millions of dollars across all the islands. The more students pay for school, the less they spend at the market. The more small business

shut down, the more people in Hawaii will be without a job. How many people work for small schools across all the islands? I imagine the numbers are in the thousands. SB-1286 risks putting them out of work, and for what gain? I cannot understand the motivation of this bill. Who is it helping? 4. SB-1286 will likely force my school and most other schools to shut down: Based on my understanding of SB-1286 it will impact most small schools in Hawaii by shutting them down due first to exorbitant costs and second to unrealistic timelines. This is simple a shame, and we must avoid this. 5. Hawaii Department of Education (DOE) is the appropriate agency to handle school licensure: I argue that if the DOE doesn't want to maintain this responsibility, which arguably makes sense given their role, then the alternative put in place should protect the viability of small schools. I believe that another solution can be found that meets everyone's legitimate needs, including the DOE, but that the current bill simply absolves the DOE of it's role while punishing small, independent schools and the citizens they serve. Final thoughts: My education at MSTM was not only excellent, but life enhancing and life changing. I now have a skill that I can use to help people achieve better health. This is something I am very proud of. To think that my school will likely go out of business for bureaucratic reasons when they are doing such an excellent job is heartbreaking. Please do not pass SB-1286. We must find other solutions to whatever problems exist. Respectfully, Jeremiah Podleski

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Lynn Wind	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This action would eliminate many good small schools that could not afford to do the accreditation process.

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alicia hedlesky	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kaulana Scalise	Individual	Oppose	No

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suzanne Serviss	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gary Thompson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a Maui constituent, I strongly oppose this bill. It will have the effect of small neighbor island educational opportunities.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Patton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As your constituent on Maui, I am appalled and strongly oppose this bill. We need vocational and technical training on neighbor islands, and the DOE's fee proposal and involving third-party accreditation is outrageous. Education is already one of the weakest areas in Hawaii. Please vote NO on this horrific bill.

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yvonne bruner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We need to make more opportunities for people, not less.

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Annik Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I attended the pacific Center for awareness and body work and it was amazing. Vocational schools are needed and need to be affordable and accessible.

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jonathan berk	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ashley King	Individual	Oppose	No

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pedro faingnaert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul Marshall	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not support this measure.

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Sarah VanCuren	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brittni Brooks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill would prevent hardworking teachers from making a living. I hope you will reconsider this and eliminate.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Cote	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To whom it may concern: Please don't allow this bill to pass. I'm a licensed massage therapist educated on Maui at Maui School of Therapeutic Massage. It has the best education in the world and is the most affordable school within the country for massage. I received an incredibly solid education which enabled me to pass the National Exam making me qualified to apply for licensing in any other state. This bill would destroy small vocational schools that are able to provide quality education at an extremely affordable cost. I didn't need to apply for any federal support in order to afford to go to this school. My vocational training has provided me the tools to obtain a top paying job in today's shrinking work force. My apprenticeship training has been priceless. Vocational training is the only affordable way to many future jobs in this country. I beg you to please stop this bill at all costs.

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stephanie thomas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Pacific center for awareness has changed my life for the better in so many ways. It would be a shame if the opportunity to learn such valuable life skills was taken away from others.

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billie wright	Individual	Oppose	No

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February 7, 2017

Dear Legislators,

I would like to voice my opposition to Bill SB1286. I am currently enrolled at the Maui School of Therapeutic Massage (MSTM) in Makawao, Maui, Hawaii. For the past 18 years I have been an elementary school teacher, but I was always drawn to wholistic healing. For several years I have considered going to massage school, but I thought that dream would never come true for me. All the schools that I found were beyond expensive and a full-year (or more) requirement. That was until I found MSTM. MSTM is incredibly affordable and have a 7-month "full time" program. For me, that meant I could take a year off from teaching, attend the school without going into major debt, and be done with the course work in time for the following school year so that I could go back to being an elementary teacher again.

I cannot stress enough how amazing MSTM has been. Not only was it affordable and timely, but the education is top notch. Being a teacher, I know what good education looks like. The MSTM instructors are highly trained and impart on the students how to be knowledgeable, ethical and leaders in the massage therapy field. I know many of the past graduates have stayed on Maui or the other islands of Hawaii and become small business owners or part of the communities that reach out to all citizens and help other lead healthy lifestyles. Other past graduates have fanned out to all reaches of the United States to do the same. When I speak to current and former students of the school, they all mention that the reasons they came to MSTM is because it was affordable and because the education was of the highest caliber.

Passing this bill will ensure that MSTM, and other trade schools like it, will have to shut their doors to students like me forever. The real losers will be the communities who count on trade workers to enter the work force and start small businesses or work for all types of businesses. Students like myself will not be able to afford the tuitions at larger schools and corporations, which, in essence, will be the only real winners if this bill passes.

Please say NO to Bill SB1286 and make sure trade schools, such as the Maui School of Therapeutic Massage, stay in business and help students like myself succeed in every way possible.

Thank you for your time,

Aleksandra Wasiutynski

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devan parsly	Individual	Oppose	No

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Valerie Toro	Individual	Oppose	No

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Re: Opposition to Bill SB1286 - DOE licensure for Vocational and Trade Schools

Dear Representatives,

My name is Linda Sola, and I am the founder and director emeritus of the Maui School of Therapeutic Massage (MSTM) located in Makawao, Hawaii. MSTM is a vocational school for massage therapy licensure in the State of Hawaii, in operation since 1995. I am writing to declare my **opposition** to the current bill set for hearing on Wednesday Feb. 8th, in respect to the DOE's proposed changes to licensing requirements for Hawaii's trade and vocational schools.

The effect of this proposal would have devastating consequence to our ability to provide this education in our community. For decades MSTM has operated in compliance with the DOE in order to provide a high standard of education, not only for our local community, but for students from all the across the US and the world.

We provide education opportunities to veterans through VA funding, Native Hawaiian students who receive Alu Like scholarships, victims of domestic violence via scholarships from local women's shelters, and we provide student visas to our international students. We need DOE license to maintain our VA program and to provide student visas. Due to our island's small population, our school depends on attracting students from other states who plan to return home after training. They must use their DOE licensed school credits to qualify for their state's license, to legally practice their trade and retain the value of their education.

We support the DOE's administration of our school, and want that administration to continue, but the proposed bill SB1286 would cause crushing increases to our licensing fees. No small vocational school will be able to meet and comply with the proposed requirements as set forth, or afford the exorbitant fees for application and renewals. These fees are oppressive for small businesses such as ours. The proposal also demands that we maintain outside accreditation with a third party agency (in our case this would be COMTA) which also charges massive application and renewal fees. If the DOE does not wish to regulate the curriculum for our vocational programs and instead requires accreditation by an alternate agency, what is the reason for charging an additional \$9,000 biannually? At the very least this needs further discussion and negotiation.

The bill would give our school only 7 months to comply with COMTA requirements and obtain their accreditation which takes well over a year to finalize, plus almost \$70,000 in fees and bonds! There is a catch 22 for a vocational school that can't accomplish accreditation in this impossible timeframe or afford the exorbitant fees: they would lose their current DOE license and would not be allowed to renew it, and then their accreditation would be denied for lack of a DOE license! As proposed, this bill would prohibit any new schools from qualifying for accreditation, at least in the massage therapy field.

This does not even begin to address the personal administrative burden each school would have to take on in order to document and comply with federal agencies regarding student aid, and the multitude of other requirements for maintaining accreditation. All of our curriculum would be monitored by an outside agency and we would be paying the DOE an exorbitant rate to do very nearly what it does now. This is unacceptable.

If we chose not to meet these onerous licensing requirements, we'd lose diversity in our student body, and practitioners with a Hawaii LMT license would no longer be able to relocate to the mainland and become licensed in other states, or apply for National Certification as they can now.

Over the last few decades, Massage Therapy has grown rapidly and evolved into a highly respected adjunct healthcare modality. In many states and countries, massage practitioners are now legally accepted as licensed healthcare providers for private health insurance, auto insurance, workers compensation, and personal injury claims. There are many cohesive organizations working hard to raise educational standards across the country and define our scope of practice and standard of care. We support raising the bar; we are a NCBTMB assigned school; we carry membership and liability coverage through ABMP, and we are already required to meet competitive educational standards as licensed therapists and instructors of massage. As therapists, our ability to participate and move freely within our national career structure relies on the fact that our school has a DOE license. This bill would be a step away from what the rest of the nation is working towards to bring greater legitimacy to our field. It would cripple the small vocational schools and leave only large institutional owners who are not even practitioners themselves, but motivated only by profit without any understanding of the profession.

I'm opposed to Bill SB1286 and would like to see more discussion on how to better serve our community and small businesses.

Sincerely,

Linda Sola
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Olivia Do	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. I went to a vocational school for my massage therapy training. This bill would literally close down the school I went to because of the starting date of when the bill would take effect. There is no possibly way that an unaccredited school could get accredited by September. No Possible Way. And to get accredited it would mean that they would have to completely change their curriculum to that of standard federally run classes. The curriculum at my previous school helped me tremendously with how to support my clients giving interpersonal techniques while in a therapeutic relationship. This school has been a part of our Kauai community for 30 years and gives our island an affordable and high quality training that is practical for residents to begin a career. I strongly oppose this bill. Please help us defeat it. This bill is only in the interest of government employees and not for the people. Please support our island and keep our schools running. Mahalo nui loa.

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Jillian Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to SB1286. As a 2016 graduate of the Pacific Center for Awareness & Bodywork (PCAB) on Kaua'i I can attest to the impact this school has had upon both my professional and personal development. I am currently successfully employed as a licensed massage therapist - thanks to the skills and training provided to me. I paid full tuition for the training and would not have wanted or needed financial aid, given the opportunity - so I don't think it needs to be a requirement. This bill would put into place fees that would make it cost prohibitive for the school to continue operating. This would be a loss to the Kaua'i, Hawai'i, and nationwide communities that are supported by the therapy provided by the graduates and teachers of this amazing establishment. I thank you for your consideration and hope that you keep in mind and heart this perspective. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jamie Chaney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a student at Maui School of Therapeutic Massage and am grateful to be learning at this institution. By passing this bill, my school would surely close down. There is no way possible that the school could comply to the September 2017 deadline, as it takes 1.5 to 2 years to complete the accreditation process. Furthermore, the raise in fees to 10,000 dollars every two years (plus additional fees) would force the tuition of students up dramatically, thus making it impossible for most working people to afford to go. Please oppose this bill, Mahalo. Jamie Chaney

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hannah hanford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not pass this bill! I am currently in an amazing bodywork program on the island of Kauai. Losing this school would be devastating for many!

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carla minnichhofer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Eve Dion	Individual	Oppose	No

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Fusayo Lukisc	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This hurts local vocational schools which benefit the young generation. Vocational schools helped make my career and livelihood attainable.

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Muireall Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My understanding of this bill is that it would limit the ability of trade schools in Hawaii to exist and to be financially accessible, and thereby deprive folks, particularly economically marginalized folks, of access to significant avenues of economic security and social mobility. I'm not sure how one could conscientiously advocate for such a measure: thus, my staunch opposition.

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Lael Cherry	Individual	Oppose	No

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Zoe Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vocational schools are appealing for so many reasons. I feel they make getting a higher education more obtainable and less intimidating, as well as being more affordable than a lot of the universities. Please help us preserve the schools that exist today. They are making a difference in the lives of many different people.

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Sherie Ruppertsberger	Individual	Oppose	No

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Leslie Reilly	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tamara Paltin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: With the cost of living in Hawaii being so high we need all the trade and vocational schools we have to NOT be shut down. Students can not afford the high debt associated with Universities and many great masseuse, etc come out of these types of licensed vocational institutions. We need our legislature to help open doors to people not shut them. We need more opportunities not less.

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February 7, 2017

Dear Legislators,

I would like to voice my opposition to Bill SB1286. I am currently enrolled at the Maui School of Therapeutic Massage (MSTM) in Makawao, Maui, Hawaii. For the past 18 years I have been an elementary school teacher, but I was always drawn to wholistic healing. For several years I have considered going to massage school, but I thought that dream would never come true for me. All the schools that I found were beyond expensive and a full-year (or more) requirement. That was until I found MSTM. MSTM is incredibly affordable and have a 7-month "full time" program. For me, that meant I could take a year off from teaching, attend the school without going into major debt, and be done with the course work in time for the following school year so that I could go back to being an elementary teacher again.

I cannot stress enough how amazing MSTM has been. Not only was it affordable and timely, but the education is top notch. Being a teacher, I know what good education looks like. The MSTM instructors are highly trained and impart on the students how to be knowledgeable, ethical and leaders in the massage therapy field. I know many of the past graduates have stayed on Maui or the other islands of Hawaii and become small business owners or part of the communities that reach out to all citizens and help other lead healthy lifestyles. Other past graduates have fanned out to all reaches of the United States to do the same. When I speak to current and former students of the school, they all mention that the reasons they came to MSTM is because it was affordable and because the education was of the highest caliber.

Passing this bill will ensure that MSTM, and other trade schools like it, will have to shut their doors to students like me forever. The real losers will be the communities who count on trade workers to enter the work force and start small businesses or work for all types of businesses. Students like myself will not be able to afford the tuitions at larger schools and corporations, which, in essence, will be the only real winners if this bill passes.

Please say NO to Bill SB1286 and make sure trade schools, such as the Maui School of Therapeutic Massage, stay in business and help students like myself succeed in every way possible.

Thank you for your time,

Aleksandra Wasiutynski

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kimberly Mufalli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Kimberly Mufalli and have been a resident of Hawaii for 33 years. I presently reside in Waikoloa Hawaii and have recently become licensed as a massage therapist in Hawaii. I attended Maui School of a therapeutic Massage , paying out of pocket for my education there. I was also working full time cleaning condos, and raising my children as a single mom throughout my year of classes there. The tuition was affordable for me, as was the licensing process. Today, I am actively working as an LMT in my community. The quality of my education at Maui School of Therapeutic Massage was excellent and thorough. I feel that I received a high level of instruction with the most experienced, knowledgeable, and passionate teachers in the U.S. I have opened a small practice in my home, here in Waikoloa, and the education I received at MSTM allowed me to begin my new career with confidence and expertise. It would be terrible if the licensing fees were raised, especially to the extremely high amount proposed. It would be terrible, also of schools like MSTM were unable to operate due to this proposal. What a tremendous loss to our communities and to humanity this would create. No person, that I know of would be able to afford a \$10,000 licensing fee. It would put us all out of business. Please do not let this change take place. Please protect our community of massage therapists so that we can continue to facilitate healing and wellness throughout the world. Mahalo.

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Nykol West	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill will harm business in Hawaii.

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February 6, 2017

RE: SB1286 DOE licensure for Vocational and Trade Schools

Dear Representatives,

I write in opposition of SB 1286. This bill will undermine vocational and trade schools in our state. I am both a physician and a physician educator. I have grave concern about the pool of qualified certificate holders in allied health professions.

Please oppose this bill.

Thank you,

Elizabeth G. Finigan, MD

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Angela Leslee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As an owner of a Massage Therapy school authorized by the DCCA, this bill would not directly affect me. However, the school I attended 22 years ago was a DOE approved school, and were it not for their level of education, I might not be where I am today. I think it is important for students to have choices, and while the tuition at DOE schools is more expensive, they are able to offer a wider scope of classes, that fit some students needs better. Some students chose a DOE school as they are recognized nationally, so the students are able to transfer hours for licensure in most states. For my students it's hit or miss, and I let them know before enrolling that it's primarily a Hawaii State Licensing program and may not be accepted in other states. If that's really important to them, I encourage them to find a DOE approved school. With the transient nature of many people who move to Hawaii, I think it's important that people are given all the information, and have options. It appears that this bill would make it unprofitable for most vocational schools licensed with the DOE to stay in business.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to oppose SB1286. If this bill is enacted, it would greatly hinder the ability of middle-class adults to access higher-paying jobs requiring a professional license in the state of Hawaii.

I am a middle-class, Hawaii-born resident and young father. Because of the affordability and world-class quality of education of the vocational school which I attended (Maui School of Therapeutic Massage), I am now a Licensed Massage Therapist and am capable of supporting my family in the competitive Hawaiian job market. If vocational schools are required to pay the proposed new and increased fees for their own licensing, many would likely be forced to shut down, and those which remained open would have to charge higher rates of tuition, which would effectively disqualify a wide margin of struggling locals who are barely making ends meet from entering vocational studies and improving their career options.

With all due respect, are the lawmakers at work here asking themselves who this bill would benefit most? Would it actually increase the "sustainability" of educational programs? Or, would it streamline the bureaucratic process at the expense of the scrappy but opportunity-starved local community?

In today's political climate, our lawmakers should perhaps be asking themselves more than ever: Are we truly proposing rules that would increase the vitality of the middle-class and pave the way for economic equity in today's Hawaii (which has grown carnivorous to the extreme)? Even while morality should always pose this question, dignity and self-preservation might do so as well, because right now the people are very awake and growing more organized by the minute. Any policies that clearly do not reflect the striving toward the betterment and enablement of our local community and economy will undoubtedly be vehemently, persistently, and publicly opposed. Why bother passing this bill in the first place, when a media-friendly counter-movement will surely arise and likely lead to a subsequent apology, repeal, and embarrassing loss of face?

I am confident that I speak for the majority when I say: "We elected you, and we don't want this."

Mahalo for your earnest reconsideration,

-King Wittman, Maui-born father and LMT

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Aloha,

I am writing to oppose SB1286. As a licensed massage therapist in the state of Hawaii, it would have devastating effects on me and my business.

It would also be devastating to the vocational school which had trained me so extensively. I fear that these family businesses would be run to the ground as massive massage schools secure a monopoly on the industry... sad.

Please reject SB1286 if you have any concern for the massage community at present and into the future.

Mahalo, Mikel Gosney

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To Whom This May Concern,

As a former student and graduate of Maui School of Therapeutic Massage I would like to oppose to SB 1286.

I graduated in April 2013 with 650 hours and, having been licensed and practiced both in the States of Hawaii and Texas, I am proud to have followed a more in-depth program that many offered on the US mainland. MSTM set incredibly high standards within the industry with many renowned teachers, some of them Stanford Educated, some belonging to the Massage Industry Hall of fame.

Closing vocational schools such as MSTM would only take training opportunities from kama'ainas to train locally and, in turn many of the licensed therapist positions would no longer be filled by local talent. Furthermore, what would happen to the wonderful lineage of Lomi Lomi Teachers? Hawaii must protect its culture and heritage. Each year, our local massage schools produce talented, dedicated professionals who go onto to work in many different fields, from hospitality to healthcare.

I am incredibly grateful to schools like Maui School of Therapeutic Massage for providing me with excellent yet affordable training. 650 hours of training have had such a positive impact on my career, my health that of my loved ones and of course my client's.

I urge you to reconsider SB 1286 as it will be detrimental to both local talents, economy and wellness of the islands of Hawaii.

Consider doing what's pono.

Mahalo & Aloha,

Céline Claudine Leslie

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To Whom It May Concern

I am a UK citizen and write to you from London as a graduate of a vocational massage school on Maui in the hope that you may wish to hear my thoughts.

In 2012 I traveled from England to Maui in order to receive some of the best massage tuition that is available and I am saddened to hear that the proposed bill (SB 1286) threatens the very existence of my massage school and others like it.

Not only does the school I attended provide excellent tuition for its students, but the clinic that is run by the school provides affordable massage for the community of the local area as well.

Should the school have to close because of the proposed changes in the bill there will be a loss not only to Hawaii's revenue from student tourists such as myself, a loss to the local community of the services the school provides through its clinic sessions and other outreach programmes, but also a lineage of teaching that is second to none will also be lost.

There are many places around the world that provide vocational massage training and I chose to come to Maui based on the excellent promotional video of the school I attended - the people seemed warm, knowledgeable and the course structure described was everything I was looking for. My experiences there matched and surpassed my expectations.

I would oppose any changes to legislation that threaten the existence of schools such as the one I attended and would encourage Hawaii to be incredibly proud of these important schools and offer them support.

With thanks,
Colette Loobey

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Robert Reader	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To whom it may concern: I want to register my opposition to SB1286 scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday 2/8/17. The proposed bill puts an undo hardship on these businesses and states no compelling reason for the change or justification for such a significant increase. Respectfully submitted Robert Reader Student at Maui School of Therapeutic Massage

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elizabeth barnett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. I am a licensed massage therapist in the state of Hawaii and went to a vocational school for my training. This bill would literally close down the school I went to because of the starting date of when the bill would take effect. There is no possibly way that an unaccredited school could get accredited by September. No Possible Way. And to get accredited it would mean that they would have to completely change their curriculum to that of standard federally run classes. The curriculum at my previous school helped me tremendously with how to support my clients giving interpersonal techniques while in a therapeutic relationship. This school has been a part of our Kauai community for 30 years and gives our island an affordable and high quality training that is practical for residents to begin a career. I strongly oppose this bill. Please help us defeat it. This bill is only in the interest of government employees and not for the people. Please support our island and keep our schools running. Mahalo nui loa.

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Jamie	Individual	Support	No

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Sonia Beauchamp	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melinda Alexander, LMT	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a registered Teacher of Massage with DOE, I am a registered Licensed Massage Therapist in the State of Hawaii, I am a former Spa Owner and I oppose SB1286. Narrowing the scope of the private trade, vocational, and technical school licensure program within the department of education does not serve the citizen's of Hawaii. We need affordable education and readily available education on all Islands . The proposed establishment of a licensing fee to ensure the sustainability of the licensure program exceeds the ability of most of these Vocational School's capability. The proposed fees and qualification periods are far too great and I believe they are excessive. Running a school requires a lot of commitment, responsibility and financial investment to the citizens of Hawaii. SB1286 will disable many schools from further operations. The DOE needs to find a better way than penalizing excellent schools providing superior education and job opportunities. This is a step backwards for Hawaii which needs more education and greater job skills to keep up with our high cost of living in Hawaii. The proposed license renewal process and fee will cripple these good schools and committed business owners. What kind of Hawaii do we want in the future. Higher priced education will hinder many from gaining the necessary job skills they need to compete. I believe the DOE needs to go back to the drawing board. I believe our government needs to support education for a better future and by the support, not hinder our vocational schools. By doing this, we support our citizen's future, learn real job skills, and empower our communities for economic growth. Thank you, Melinda Alexander, LMT - Maui

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Kristen O'Guin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, there are a lot of short-comings, and some short-sidedness to this bill. I strongly oppose it. Mahalo, Kristen O'Guin

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I strongly oppose this bill. As a licensed massage therapist who attended school in Hawai'i, I feel strongly that you need to vote in opposition to this bill as well. The vocational school I attended prepared me immaculately to provide high quality bodywork to those in my community, and the schools tuition was affordable which made it possible for me attend. My implementing this bill, you would requiring a deadline that is not possible to be met, by my school and others in the state. You'd also be requiring my school to change its curriculum, and the beauty of my school was in the diversity of classes and the way it prepared me to both work with both the physical and emotional body. The school on Kauai is not only an integral part of the community, but it also trains many massage therapists annually who stay on the island and contribute to the economy. These vocational schools offer so much to the community, and you must stand behind that. I appreciate you taking the time to read this, and I know you'll make the right decision.

MARITIME LICENSE CENTER SENATE BILL 1286 & HOUSE BILL 494 TESTIMONY

MARITIME LICENSE CENTER INFORMATION

The Maritime License Center provides maritime courses to the Hawaii maritime industry which includes:

- The Hawaii Maritime Tourist Industry - Dive vessels, Whale Watch vessels, Dinner Cruise vessels, Parasail vessels, etc.
- The Hawaii Tug Boat Industry - Hawaiian Tug & Barge, Sause Brothers, American Marine, P & R Water Taxi, P&M Towing Services, Young Brothers, Sea Engineering, Kirby Offshore.
- The “Big Ship Industry” - Matson, Horizon, Pasha, Norwegian Cruise Lines.
- The Maritime Unions – Seafarer’s International Union, Sailors Union of the Pacific, Marine Fireman Oilers & Wipers Union, Inland Boatman’s Union, Master Mates & Pilots Union, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.

For the above Maritime Industry, the Maritime License Center offers over 24 different programs/courses required by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the U.S. Coast Guard for mariners to obtain and maintain their licenses. These programs and courses are listed below:

Programs

* Indicates Coast Guard approved

- Master/mate 500 Tons Program *
- Master/mate 200 Tons Inland & Near Coastal Program *
- Master/mate 200 Tons Steersman of Towing Vessels Program *
- Master/mate 100 Tons Inland & Near Coastal Program *
- Operator, Uninspected Passenger Vessels Program (6-pak) *
- Able Seafarer (Seaman) Program *

Courses

- Master/Mate 200 Tons Inland & Near Coastal *
- Master/Mate 200 Tons (Oceans) *
- Master/Mate 200 Tons (Steersman) of Towing Vessels *
- Master/Mate 200 Tons *
- Operator of the Uninspected Passenger Vessel (OUPV) *
- Radar Observer *
- Radar Recertification *
- Auxiliary Sail Endorsement *
- Assistance Towing Endorsement *
- Able Seaman (Seafarer) *
- Proficiency In Survival Craft *
- Marine Radio Operator Permit (FCC approved course)
- First Aid /CPR *
- STCW Basic Safety * (Basic Firefighting/Personal Survival/Personal Safety, (four modules) Social Responsibilities/First Aid-CPR)
- Bridge Resource Management (Bridge Team Procedures) *
- Celestial Navigation for Ocean Voyages
- Qualified Member of the Engineering Department (QMED)*
- Visual Communications*
- Medical Care Provider*
- Fishing Vessel Safety Drill Coordinator*
- Automatic Radar Plotting Aids*
- Global Maritime Distress & Safety System (GMDSS)*
- Ratings Forming Part of a Navigational Watch (RFPNW-Lookout duties)*
- Security Awareness Training for All Mariners*
- Security Training for Mariners with Designated Security Duties*
- Fishing Vessel Safety Drill Coordinator *
- Leadership & Managerial Skills *
- Leadership & Teamworking Skills *

Notice all programs and courses have been approved by the U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center. The U.S. Coast Guard does not approve schools, but only approves courses.

The Maritime License Center has been approved to receive Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds and Post 9/11 GI Bill, Veterans Administration funds.

In order to receive these funds, the Maritime Licensed Center had to show that it was licensed by the state.

SENATE BILL 1286 & HOUSE BILL 494 CONCERNS

- “Purpose of the Act” To narrow the scope of the licensing program and establish a licensing fee to ensure the program’s sustainability.

The Act has been narrowed – Sections 427 and 428 have been eliminated which eliminates most of the DOE responsibilities with regard to schools and raises the cost of licensing from \$50.00 to \$10,000.

- “302A” Special Fund to fund fund activities related to licensure requirements.

Most of these activities have eliminated (Sections 427 & 428 of the Act)

- “302A-425 licensing of private trade, vocational or technical schools”
- “SECTION 3. Sections 302A-101 amended as follows____ except”

(3) Flying schools qualified under the Federal Aviation Administration

What about Maritime School Programs/Courses qualified under the USCG National Maritime Center?

- “302A-425 - License only those schools authorized by the state to be considered for Title IV of 1965/Title 34 student aid programs. (1) Certification on official letterhead of the school, that the school has students currently receiving, or who have applied to receive aid under title IV of the higher Education act of 1965”
(2) Proof that the school is accredited by an accrediting commission _____”

- (1) The Maritime License Center has not applied for and does not receive funds from this program (student grants & loans) but does qualify for and receive Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds and Post 9/11 GI Bill, Veterans Administration funds and must be State licensed in order to maintain these qualifications.
- (2) The Maritime License Center has USCG National Maritime Center approved courses, but as stated earlier, the USCG does not approve schools. Upon completing my courses, the student applies for and receives a USCG masters (Captains) license allowing he/she to captain a vessel on any U.S. waters.

SUMMARY OF CONCERNS

From the above it appears that the Maritime License Center (MLC)does not qualify to be licensed by the state of Hawaii and will lose their WIA and VA qualifications. Without these funds the MLC may very well have to go out of business

The \$10,000 fee is prohibitive to small businesses like the Maritime License Center. The Department of Transportation (DOT Harbors Division) has this past year taken away our Lifeboat/Water Survival facility at pier 24 and told us to move to Barbers Point Harbor at (a cost of over \$5 0,000) but has yet to give me a new location at Barbers Point for this facility.

The Maritime Industry is vital to Hawaii. The service that the MLC provides to the Hawaii Maritime Industry, allows this industry to bring in millions of dollars to the Hawaii economy. If the MLC went out of business due to this bill, the cost to Hawaii mariners to obtain and maintain their licenses would in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. They would have to travel to the mainland to take the USCG required training. In addition to the cost is the time away from family which is already a tremendous burden to mariners who are at sea for weeks at a time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Put the Maritime Industry in the same category as the Airline industry schools and/or reword the bill to include licensure for schools who have courses approved by the USCG National Maritime Center.
- Reduce the licensing fees to a reasonable rate (under \$500) to cover the administrative costs of licensing. Almost all of the other functions that the DOE use to be responsible for have been eliminated by the bill.

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Ralph Olson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Putting excessive charges for licensing and accreditation will be detrimental to small schools, especially trade schools which do not have the financial resources to comply. This will cause these valuable schools to be shut down and thus the education and training they provide to the residents of Hawaii will be eliminated.

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Alexander Phelps	Individual	Oppose	No

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lyle cabacungan	Individual	Oppose	No

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REFERENCE: Bill SB1286 - DOE licensure for Vocational and Trade Schools

Aloha mai kaula,

I am opposed to SB1286 because of prospective damaging outcomes for Hawai`i, e.g., to the Maui School of Therapeutic Massage in Makawao. Devastating increases in vocational schools' licensing fees would result in a loss of vocational schools and a loss of practitioners in, as with massage-therapy schools, a burgeoning health-care field.

First, the proposal demands that such schools maintain outside accreditation with a third party agency — Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation, or COMTA, in the case of massage-therapy schools — that would raise such institutions' application fee from \$50 to \$70,000 in fees and bonds.

Second, the bill would give such vocational schools seven months to comply with COMTA requirements and to obtain accreditation, which takes more than a year to finalize.

Finally, each school administration would assume a documentation burden to comply with 1) federal agencies regarding student aid and 2) numerous other requirements to maintain accreditation. An outside agency would monitor all curriculum, while schools would pay the DOE an exorbitant rate to do very nearly what it does now.

In conclusion, SB1286 deserves a failing grade for its prospectively crippling 1,400-fold increase in vocational schools' application and licensing fees that would lock their doors and turn away their students.

Therefore, I am opposed to SB1286 and its unimaginably damaging outcomes for Hawai`i.

-Kekoa Enomoto

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cassandra Kauionalani Cardoza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To whom it may concern: I , Cassandra Cardoza, DISAGREE with these changes for Hawaiian vocational schools. My MAT # 10837, was current for 9 years I believe. Massage therapy brings in millions of dollars of revenue in taxes every year. The number grows staggering, if you combine the people who move to Hawaii seeking lomi lomi education, what they pour into the economy during their short stay . HAWAII and MAUI IS A TOP MASSAGE DESTINATION. You would be literally crippling what makes the biggest money in tourism. It at the top grossing along with shopping ,food and activities. Many people from across the world come to Hawaii to learn lomilomi. Why make it impossible to pass on such a beautiful healing tradition to the world ? There are literally thousands of massage therapists that have been certified through Hawaii schools over the past 40+ years , not to mention makeup artists, beauticians etc. Be bold, and make great sustainable ,positive changes and growth for Hawaii's future,! You can't go backwards this is not the plantation era. Please evolve, so Hawaii's people can also evolve into their best ! SUPPORT THE PEOPLE YOU REPRESENT!! YOU ARE PUBLIC SERVANTS! My great grand father Alfred Cardoza Sr. was a respected healer that lived in Iao Valley- He would be deeply ashamed to see Maui losing it healing heritage because of rules and insane fees nobody can afford to pay. I DISAGREE.

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deanna Velarde	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. I am a licensed massage therapist in the state of Hawaii and went to a vocational school for my training. This bill would literally close down the school I went to because of the starting date of when the bill would take effect. There is no possibly way that an unaccredited school could get accredited by September. No Possible Way. And to get accredited it would mean that they would have to completely change their curriculum to that of standard federally run classes. The curriculum at my previous school helped me tremendously with how to support my clients giving interpersonal techniques while in a therapeutic relationship. This school has been a part of our Kauai community for 30 years and gives our island an affordable and high quality training that is practical for residents to begin a career. I strongly oppose this bill. Please help us defeat it. This bill is only in the interest of government employees and not for the people. Please support our island and keep our schools running. Mahalo nui loa.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Presley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm a licensed massage therapist in Hawaii who went to vocational school for my training. I strongly oppose this bill. I live in a community where the massage schools play an integral role in providing affordable education for local people to begin new careers. Good careers. And it's excellent training. This bill would literally close down these schools because of the starting date of when the bill would take effect. There is no possibly way that an unaccredited school could get accredited by September And to get accredited it would mean that they would have to completely change their curriculum to that of standard federally run classes. Massage therapy is an artful trade. The current stipulations around the educational rigor of the schools is strong enough already to be academically sound and prepare Hawaii residents to be servants in their community.

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