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Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2501, HD1 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes the University of Hawaii Community College Promise Program to provide scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified students enrolled at any community college campus of the University of Hawaii system. Appropriates funds to establish and implement the program. (HB2501 HD1)

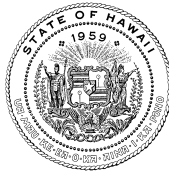
Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports HB 2501, HD1. The Department supports opportunities for all public school graduates to have affordable access to quality higher education opportunities at any University of Hawaii Community College campus.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2501, HD1.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.

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TESTIMONY BY LAUREL A. JOHNSTON
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2501, H.D. 1



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RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM

House Bill No. 2501, H.D. 1, establishes the Hawaii Community College Promise Program to provide scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified students enrolled at a community college; establishes the Hawaii Community College Promise Program Special Fund; appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds for deposit to the special fund; and appropriates an unspecified amount of special funds.

As a matter of general policy, the department does not support the creation of any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, HRS. Special funds should: 1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work and an explanation why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. With regards to House Bill No. 2501, H.D. 1, the sources of revenues for the special fund are not specified so it is difficult to determine appropriate nexus or if the special fund is financially self-sustaining.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT.