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Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 1042 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Allows students to enroll in career and technical education programs in schools outside the service area in which the student resides.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) recognizes the intent of SB 1042 and offers the following comments:

Pursuant to Board of Education Policy 500-12, Geographic Exceptions to the Mandatory School Attendance Law, and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 13, Geographic Exception, priority consideration for a geographic exception shall be given to applicants requesting an exception for a program of study of the receiving school that is not available at the home school (§8-13-7 Application procedure [c][2]).

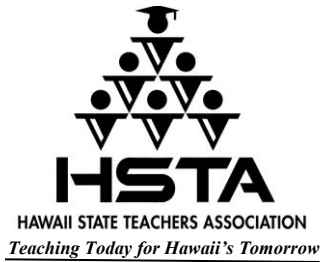
If a career and technical education program is not offered at the student's current service area school ("home school"), an application for a geographic exception may be submitted by the student's parents.

Given the Board policy and HAR currently in place, we respectfully submit that this measure is not needed at this time.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1042.

Reference: HAR, Chapter 13

<http://boe.hawaii.gov/policies/AdminRules/Pages/AdminRule13.aspx>



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION

RE: SB 1042 - RELATING TO EDUCATION.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports SB 1042**, relating to education.

According the Hawaii State Department of Education, “Career and Technical Education is an educational structure that allows students the opportunity to explore and learn through the practical application of academic and technical skills and knowledge. The support and involvement of business and industry in CTE is critical to the preparation of tomorrow's skilled workforce.” **We cannot offer every CTE program at every single school, thus students who are interested in pursuing certain career paths, must be allowed the opportunity to attend one of our public schools that does offer the CTE program they are interested in, even if it is outside their geographic area.**

A majority of all current job openings, both locally and nationally, are for positions that do not require a college degree, but do require technical expertise in specific areas. While education reform rhetoric endlessly extols “college and career readiness,” job projections by the Hawai'i Department of Labor show that, overall, more than 72 percent of the state's projected openings through 2022 require a high school diploma or less, and they require more technical training than we are currently offering our students in Hawaii. For comparison, about 15 percent of future openings require a bachelor's degree and only 4 percent require a master's, doctoral, or professional degree. **We need to allow our students the opportunity to pursue a CTE program at the school where it is being offered, even if outside their geographic area.**



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Hawai'i's CTE offerings must be expanded and we must allow our students to attend these CTE programs at schools where they are offered, even if they are not in their geographic area. We need to allow our young people the opportunity to design their own futures. According to a national study, only 25 percent of polled job seekers reported receiving career pathing in high school, however, 41 percent stated that they wished they had received more vocational guidance prior to graduating from high school. Careers taught through the state's CTE program—from automotive technology, entrepreneurship, environmental management to digital media, coding, computer science, engineering, foreign language, and other technology-based jobs—are at the cutting edge of our local economy, requiring skills that students and employers desire, and that the CCRI paradigm fails to advance. Yes, we may not be able to offer all of these programs at every school, but we should allow our students the opportunity to attend these CTE programs of their interest, even if the school is outside their geographic area.

Research shows the positive benefits of a strong career and technical education program within our schools. CTE decreases the risks of dropping out of high school, and graduation rates for CTE are higher than the national graduation rates. "Participation in skills-training programs has increased wages and earnings, raised the probability and consistency of employment and led to work in higher quality jobs."

Because this allowance will provide a wide variety of opportunities for our students to succeed in a variety of careers, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.



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SB1042 "RELATING TO EDUCATION"
Wednesday, February 1st, 2017 2:45 pm State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Submitted on Behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

The Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly supports SB1042 "RELATING TO EDUCATION" which is designed to allow students to enroll in career and technical education programs that are outside of the service area in which they reside. **The intent of this legislation supports one of the Democratic Party of Hawaii's legislative priorities for the 2017 legislative session:** Expanding the scope of educational programs that are designed to help at risk youth, such as training and certification in skills and trades, and mentoring. Those goals will be part of this proposed "Career and Education Program". Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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