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House Higher Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0298, SD1 RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes a workforce readiness program within the department of education to allow students to graduate from an extended high school enrollment with a high school diploma and an industry-recognized associate's degree. Appropriates moneys to develop and implement the program. Takes effect on July 1, 2050. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB 298 SD1 to establish a workforce readiness program. The Department values its ongoing collaboration with the University of Hawaii to develop a new industry-led career and technical education (CTE) and appreciates the recognition of the necessary resources to implement such a program.

The Department has launched Connect to Careers, or C2C, an industry-led coalition for Hawaii's economic future to collaboratively prepare students for success in high-skill, in-demand careers at both state and regional levels. It is a business-led effort with aligned K-16 curriculum and opportunities that will be tracked for effectiveness via data and industry feedback. Partners include employers, state educational systems, funders, and workforce and economic development agencies. Learn more at hawaiipublicschools.org, search "C2C" or visit <http://tinyurl.com/jtwt3gf>.

Lastly, the Department estimates \$1,054,000 for 17.0 FTE 12-month positions (15 complex area resource teachers and 2 educational specialists) and \$250,000 in operational funds to support the start up and establishment of a workforce readiness program for school year 2017-18 provided that the passage of SB 298 SD1 does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Board of Education-approved budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 298 SD1.

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And members of the Committee on Higher Education

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 298 SD1 RELATING TO SCHOOLS

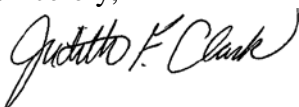
Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 298 Relating to Schools.

Each year, youth and youth advocates participate in the Children and Youth Summit, where they identify priorities that the legislature should address. Teaching real life work skills in the public schools was one of the top priorities from the 2016 Summit. More hands-on education in schools was a top priority for 2015.

The proposed workforce readiness program would provide students with career-ready skills while addressing the needs identified by Summit participants. The students would be better prepared for employment. Schools could more successfully engage learners who are at risk of dropping out, by providing hands-on, practical learning activities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Education
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.
Conference Room 309, State Capitol**

RE: SENATE BILL 619 SD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports the intent** of SB 619 SD1, which requires the DOE, in collaboration and consultation with the DBEDT, the DLIR, and UH, to develop and implement a K-12 curriculum to career pipeline initiative that will ensure the State's public school students are adequately trained and prepared to enter the State's workforce upon graduation from high school.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,600+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chamber, with the support of the DOE, UH, the DLIR, and others in workforce development has launched Hawaii's first Sector Partnership initiative. This initiative is an industry-led sector partnership that places business leaders to collectively address issues that relate to competitiveness and growth and help create solutions to pressing issues. Our public educational and workforce partners play a vital role, listening to the needs and concerns of the targeted industries, afterwards identifying and developing programs based on those needs expressed by the industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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