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**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Resolution:** SCR 160 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPLORE STUDENT AID OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS AND OPT TO ENROLL IN AND COMPLETE THE COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM TO EARN A HAWAII ADULT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

**Purpose of Resolution:**

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 160 and respectfully offers comments.

A student who enrolls in the Competency-Based Community School Diploma Program does not qualify for federal financial aid under the current Higher Education Act, CFR Title 43 Part 600.

The Department will continue to work with the University of Hawaii System to identify alternatives for student aid, such as foundation grants, for adults who opt to enroll in and complete the Competency-Based Community School Diploma Program to earn a Hawaii Adult Community School Diploma.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 160.

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](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).