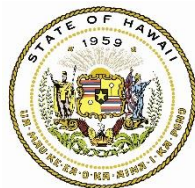


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April 12, 2019

To: Representative Joy San Buenaventura, Chair and
Representative Nadine Nakamura, Vice Chair and
Members of the House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness

From: Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director
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RE: SCR 120 Requesting the Hawaii Development Disabilities Council to Convene a
Working Group to Identify Strategies and Agreements to Better Coordinate Services Provided to
Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their Families.

Hearing: April 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

POSITION: SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Good morning Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nakamura and members of the Committee on Human Services and Homelessness. I am Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) offering comments.

The resolution asks the Hawaii Developmental Disabilities Council to convene a task force to include WDC to identify strategies and agreements to better coordinate services provided to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The report is due to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021.

The WDC is responsible for the administrative oversight and implementation of a federally mandated initiative, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 or WIOA. The agency is tasked with strategic planning and developing the infrastructure, and administering federal funds allocated to each county for a seamless common intake and referral system at the American Job Centers (or One-Stop Centers) so job seekers and employers can maneuver through the workforce system efficiently and receive employment, education, training and support services throughout the State. The WDC is administratively attached to the DLIR. One of the important new rules under WIOA is that it requires the workforce system be accessible to people with disabilities. This includes providing youth (ages 14-24 years) and adults with pre-employment training services and seeking more competitive integrated employment that match the capabilities of the individual.

The Triennial Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment for Program Years 2015 to 2017 conducted by the Interwork Institute at San Diego University revealed the following common themes for individuals with disabilities (this is not a complete list):

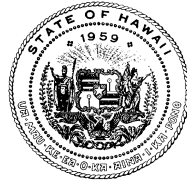
- Employability skill development is a major need for this group;
- Students need more exposure to work prior to exiting the school system;
- Students have a great need for mentors and high expectations;
- Individuals with disabilities from rural areas, Native Hawaiian, and Micronesians are minorities who are underserved;
- Individuals that have deaf-blindness are also minorities who are underserved or unserved; and
- The barriers to achieving employment goals and accessing services of individuals with disabilities from different ethnic groups are similar to the needs of vocational rehabilitation consumers but include language barriers.

Students in Hawaii have a strong need to receive pre-employment transition services (Pre-ETS) as identified in the Reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act in WIOA and a program offered by the Hawaii Department of Human Service's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. These services include:

- Job exploration learning experiences;
- Work-based learning experiences;
- Counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or post-secondary educational programs at institutions of higher education;
- Workplace readiness training to develop social skills and independent living skills; and
- Instruction in self-advocacy, which may include peer mentoring.

The federal funds for WIOA are allocated to each county workforce development board and they contract service providers to provide direct employment services for adult, dislocated worker and youth at the American Job Centers. WIOA funds are used to assist eligible job seekers and employers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SCR120.



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Testimony COMMENTING on SCR 120 SD1

**REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES COUNCIL
TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIES AND
AGREEMENTS TO BETTER COORDINATE SERVICES PROVIDED
TO INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

REPRESENTATIVE JOY SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

Hearing Date: April 12, 2019
9 a.m.

Room Number: 329

- 1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) provides comments on SCR 120
- 2 SD1 which requests the Hawaii Developmental Disabilities Council to convene a working group
- 3 to identify strategies and agreements to better coordinate services provided to individuals with
- 4 intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families.
- 5 DOH supports the need to improve coordination among the State agencies. It would be of great
- 6 benefit to the State to study the issues surrounding any gaps in coordination and services, and for
- 7 an independent body to be responsible for convening and facilitating such a workgroup.
- 8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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April 9, 2019

TO: The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SCR 120 SD 1– REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIES AND AGREEMENTS TO BETTER COORDINATE SERVICES PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

Hearing: April 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of the resolution.

PURPOSE: The purpose of SCR120 SD1 is to request that the Hawaii Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) convene a working group to identify strategies and agreements to better coordinate services provided to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The working group is requested to provide advice and recommendations to the State on how to improve provision of services and the application process for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

DHS supports the intent of a working group to help coordinate policy and service delivery questions related to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families can face a difficult and challenging system of care that can be complicated to navigate. A

working group of state agencies and divisions, parents and individuals, advocates, and other stakeholders could help streamline service delivery and promote a more seamless and unified approach to care.

DHS appreciates the amendments made by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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April 12, 2019

The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness
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Dear Representative San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SCR 120 SD1

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **strongly supports SCR 120 SD1** requesting the Hawaii Developmental Disabilities Council to convene a working group to identify strategies and agreements to better coordinate services provided to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

The Council would like to thank the legislature for this resolution in recognizing the independence of the Council and providing the Council with authority to coordinate all services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As the legislature is aware, Chapter 333E, HRS and Public Law 106-402 would allow the Council to follow through with SCR 120 SD1 if it should pass.

There remains a lack of coordination regarding the services and planning activities of the various state departments results in gaps in the spectrum of needed services, duplication of services, lack of clarity in responsibility for services, and poorly articulated inter-agency programs, thereby reducing the quality of programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SCR 120 SD1.

Sincerely,

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April 11, 2019

To: The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair,
The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness

Date: Friday, April 12, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 329, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: S.C.R. 120 S.D.1 REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIES AND AGREEMENTS TO BETTER COORDINATE SERVICES PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SCR120 SD1 requests the Hawaii Developmental Disabilities Council to convene a working group to identify strategies and agreements to better coordinate services provided to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The proposed working group is requested to representatives, which will include the Workforce Development Division (WDD) of the DLIR, and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

DLIR supports the intent of this measure.

II. CURRENT LAW

WDD is responsible for providing services and programs to job seekers, including youths aged 14 to 21 years old, and employers; collaborating with educators, employers, and labor unions to identify basic skills of all workforce entrants; and providing consultative and support services to employers and laid-off workers in times of financial trouble.

III. COMMENTS ON THE SENATE RESOLUTION

DLIR appreciates the request to convene a working group to coordinate services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The WDD has collaborated with previous working groups and other stakeholders to assist individuals with intellectual and development disabilities and would work with the Hawaii Development Disabilities Council working group to provide advice and recommendations.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of SCR 120 SD1
RELATING TO HEALTH

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Rep. Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair

Friday, April 12, 2019, 9:00am
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The Hawai'i Psychological Association (HPA) strongly supports SCR 120 SD1. This measure requests the Hawai'i Developmental Disabilities Council to convene a working group to identify strategies and agreements to better coordinate services provided to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. HPA is concerned that individuals diagnosed as having a developmental disability, including fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, have challenging and complex needs that require a comprehensive and coordinated array of home and community based services in order for them to participate in their communities. A working group is needed in order to identify the gaps in services for many of the individuals affected and their families and make recommendations as to how these gaps may be effectively addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Julie Takishima-Lacasa, Ph.D.
Chair, HPA Legislative Action Committee

SCR-120-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/10/2019 5:07:56 PM

Testimony for HSH on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	No

Comments:

We support this Concurrent Resolution that establishes a Working Group within the DD Council to help coordinate services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Last year, our office received an increase in the number of complaints about the DD Division. The nature of the complaints ranged from concerns about the restrictive eligibility policies as well as an intake system that is very unfriendly to the consumers. Parents had experienced lengthy delays in the processing of applications and a lack of openness and transparency.

In response to these concerns, Rep. Mizuno convened several meetings at the request of several parents. The DD Division was in attendance as was HDRC. There was some consensus that it would be very helpful if the legislature could convene a Work Group to evaluate some of these problems and propose solutions. The DD Council voluntarily undertook to convene this Work Group.

We applaud the effort of the DD Council in the past year. However, we believe that the work needs to continue and to also have the authority of a Resolution of the Hawaii Legislature. Beyond that, however, it seems that the problems with the DD Division have gotten worse- not better. In addition to the aforementioned problems, there has been a serious reduction in services to the clients. Clients are being re-evaluated utilizing a new tool and the Division has been using that as an excuse to reduce services. People are not being provided with a clear explanation of the reasons for the cuts or with sufficient information on their rights. There is a tremendous amount of confusion among the recipients of DD services.

So, a Working Group is needed now more than ever. This Concurrent Resolution calls for us to be a member and we are happy to participate.

SCR-120-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 8:51:01 AM

Testimony for HSH on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/11/2019 4:56:42 PM

Testimony for HSH on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Yabusaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in support of SCR120 SD1. As a psychologist, family therapist, and member of the Hawaii Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Action Group, I have found so many barriers to service for my clients with FASD and their families. People with FASD need lifelong services to support them in many of their activities in everyday living. They need structure, constant reminders for medical appointments, work, eating, resting, in order to function daily. There are many health challenges and medication management is often necessary. Individuals with FASD can function with assistance and access to care is often unavailable.

Services have long been neglected or denied. I have worked with the DD council and know they will advocate for all peoples with disabilities. I urge you to please pass this resolution and let's get services to the developmentally disabled. Funding services may save us costs in other areas such as criminal justice and homeless systems.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Ann S. Yabusaki, Ph.D., MFT