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Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

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

Title of Resolution: SCR 187 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT THE USE OF ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS.

Purpose of Resolution:

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) appreciates the intent of SCR 187 and has already begun investigating implementing electronic transcripts as part of its technology modernization efforts.

As part of its investigation, the Department is researching any additional costs and resources that may be required as part of the implementation efforts, as well as whether higher education institutions that most Hawaii graduates matriculate to accept electronic transcripts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Smart	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

It is well known that on-line records can be hacked and people's privacy lost. What kind of protection will these records be given? No information should be retained other than course grades. For example, assessments of the student's character and potential for success should not be retained on-line or for an indefinite time period without the parents' written consent. Who would be allowed to access these records? Strict controls should be in place. SCR 187 is much too vague to warrant approval at this time. Deciding to go digital shouldn't be just for the ease of the school system. Although these are comments, I recommend voting NO until the questions are answered and those responses are assessed for impact on the students' overall well-being.