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Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 2056, SD1 RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the University of Hawaii to collaborate with the Department of Education and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to utilize interactive web tools to collaborate among a diverse array of stakeholders enabling degree-seeking individuals to make better-informed decisions regarding their post-secondary education and career choices. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) respectfully offers comments on SB 2056 SD1 to develop an interactive web tool for students to make more informed decisions regarding their post-secondary education and career choices.

The Department continues to work collaboratively with the University of Hawaii Community College System Office through Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education on projects that support students through their Pre-Kindergarten through workforce pathways. Such projects include the University of Hawaii Community College's Hawaii Career Explorer tool which allows students to navigate occupations, salaries, and university programs to better prepare them for their career choices.

The Department is also exploring acquiring a technology solution that would support students prior to their transition to higher education or into the workforce so that they can make informed decisions to help them transition successfully.

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

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. 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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In consideration of
SB 2056 SD1
RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) supports **SB2056 SD1**, which requires the University of Hawaii to collaborate with the Department of Education, and DBEDT to develop and implement an interactive web tool that will enable degree-seeking individuals to make better-informed decisions regarding their post-secondary education and career choices.

While DBEDT supports the bill, the department may not have access to the required data, IT expertise, and financial resources required for this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.