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Before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY**  
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In consideration of  
**SCR123 – Relating to the Implementation of a Pilot Fellowship Program**

Chairs Moriwaki, Vice Chair Lee, and the members of the committee.

The purpose of SCR123 is to urge the Department of Human Resources Development to examine the feasibility of implementing a pilot Fellowship Program to train prospective employees for government jobs.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) provides the following comments on SCR123:

1. The Department of Human Resources Development recognizes the need to train employees, at all levels, for government jobs and to fill vacancies. Last session, the department submitted a proposal requesting four positions to develop a pilot internship program for high-school, college, and recently graduated college students. By the close of the last legislative session, this program/proposal was re-directed to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. However, DLIR's program is currently geared toward current college students and recent college graduates.
2. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations has since recognized the need to partner with DHRD to develop curriculum and to act as a liaison between the program and the departments of the Executive Branch. As such, DHRD has been loaned one position to assist with the program.
3. Expanding the scope of the DLIR program to be more inclusive of students or individuals at various levels would negate the need for a second, similar program.

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

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