



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Education
House Committee on Higher Education & Technology
Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

By
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SCR 144 – URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND HAWAII P-20 PARTNERSHIPS FOR EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CLEAR PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACADEMIES TO SEAMLESSLY CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Chairs Woodson and Perruso, Vice Chairs La Chica and Kapela, and Members of the Committees:

The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges support SCR 144 which urges the Department of Education (DOE), University of Hawai'i Community Colleges (UHCC), and Hawai'i P-20 to develop clear pathways for students in DOE career and technical education (CTE) academies to seamlessly continue their education in CTE programs at the UHCC.

The UHCC recognize the importance of providing strong educational pathways that lead students to good jobs in Hawai'i. Developing clear pathways into careers has been a focus for the UHCC, and we continue to identify ways to better articulate and communicate pathways for students. CTE curriculum alignment among pre-college, two-year, and four-year providers can be complex and challenging to communicate to students and parents in a simple and straightforward manner. We acknowledge the need for co-designed, shared pathway maps that ensure students can move efficiently and effectively from the K-12 to post-secondary educational system and into a career with the requisite job skills needed to be successful in the workforce and earn a living wage job.

The UHCC are committed to continued collaboration with the DOE and Hawai'i P-20 in order to better serve the local communities in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SCR 144.



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Committee: House Education
House Higher Education & Technology

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Resolution Title: SCR 0144 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND HAWAII P-20 PARTNERSHIPS FOR EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CLEAR PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACADEMIES TO SEAMLESSLY CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 0144.

The Department recognizes the importance of aligning efforts between the Department and the University of Hawaii (UH) to provide students with clear pathways to postsecondary education and careers. The Department currently partners with Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education (Hawaii P-20) on a number of initiatives, including Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathway mapping to encourage a seamless transition from high school to postsecondary education and/or employment.

Given that the Department's CTE pathways are in their infancy, and each UH campus has autonomy over its own offerings and requirements, alignment efforts between the Department, University of Hawaii, and Hawaii P-20 will be an ongoing effort. We look forward to continuing our partnerships with UH and Hawaii P-20 in supporting students' aspirations.

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



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Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
By
Stephen Schatz, Executive Director
Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education

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Chairs Woodson and Perruso, Vice Chairs La Chica and Kapela, and Members of the Committees:

Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education (Hawai'i P-20) supports SCR 144 which urges the Department of Education (DOE), the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges (UHCC), and Hawai'i P-20 to develop clear pathways for students in DOE Career and Technical Education (CTE) academies to seamlessly continue their education in CTE programs at the UHCCs, and urges Hawai'i P-20 to assist with the mapping of pathways.

Hawai'i P-20 is committed to ensuring that we are consciously working with the DOE, the UHCCs and industry to align the educational pipeline from secondary to college or workforce training into the good jobs right here in Hawai'i. We also recognize the importance of clearly communicating to students and job seekers the education and training pathways that lead to high-wage, high-demand careers in our local communities.

We are committed to accelerating our existing work on career pathways and pathways mapping and will continue to collaborate with the DOE, the UHCCs, and the University of Hawai'i four-year campuses. We have already begun to create maps to clarify the pathways from the DOE to college and careers. In particular, we have completed development of maps for three career pathways – Information Technology, Health Services, and Education – that connect DOE's CTE career pathways to two-year and four-year post-secondary institutions to jobs in the State. Within these three career pathways, there are a total of 12 individual program

of study maps. We are currently working with stakeholders on the development of pathway maps for the DOE's Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) career pathway. We will continue to devote resources to this initiative, prioritizing high-need careers in the State, and will strive to complete all program of study maps so that students can seamlessly transition from secondary to post-secondary education and into living-wage careers in their communities.

The maps can be found at <https://hawaiicareerpathways.org/index.html>.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this resolution.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

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RE: SCR144

House Committee on Education
Representative Woodson, Chair
Representative La Chica, Vice Chair

House Committee on Higher Education and Technology
Representative Perruso, Chair
Representative Kapela, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 2:00PM
Conference Room 309 & Video Conference

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii (“The Chamber”) stands in **support of SCR144**, which urges the Department of Education, University of Hawaii Community Colleges, and Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education to develop clear pathways for students in Department of Education Career and Technical Education Academies to seamlessly continue their education in career and technical education programs at University of Hawaii Community Colleges.

In our engagement with the Education and Workforce Development Department at the Chamber, we recognize the critical need to bridge the gap between education and industry demands. By fostering collaboration between leaders in career and technical education and representatives from in-demand industries, we strive to address our state's workforce shortage while enhancing our local talent pipeline. Through the proposed initiative under SCR144, we can ensure that our students are well-prepared to meet the demands of our ever-evolving workforce.

SCR144, if passed, will help to bridge the gap between the education system and the job market. Clear workforce development pathways would chart clear pathways to stable, well-paying jobs for the people of Hawaii. By establishing clear partnerships and pathways for advancement, Hawaii's economy and greater work force stand to benefit significantly, serving as a pivotal investment towards the future of our state.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the “Voice of Business” in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern. On behalf of The Chamber, thank you for this opportunity to testify.