

# SB 621

## RELATING TO POST- SECONDARY EDUCATION

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**Committee:** Senate Higher Education  
Senate Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 0621 RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires the University of Hawaii to collaborate with the department of education and department of business, economic development, and tourism 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.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) recognizes the intent of SB 621. This measure requires state agencies to collaborate on, develop, and implement an interactive web tool focused on post-secondary education and career choices by degree-seeking individuals.

The Department values its ongoing collaboration with the University of Hawaii to develop a new industry-led career and technical education (CTE) and appreciates its foresight in creating a sector mapping project website.

The Hawaii Sector Mapping Project website will exhibit current and projected activity for specific jobs in the State of Hawaii, including but not limited to:

- degree levels an industry is seeking and hiring data;
- companies by geographic region and current job openings;
- hard and soft skill job requirements; and
- indicators that show if a job is STEM-related, has green-enhanced skills, and a bright future outlook.

Lastly, the Department appreciates the inclusion of the budgetary resources needed to support this web project.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB 621.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Higher Education  
and  
Senate Committee on Education  
February 8, 2017 at 3:15 p.m.  
By  
John Morton  
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### SB 621 – RELATING TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Chairs Kahele and Kidani and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 621. This bill will require “the University of Hawai'i to collaborate with the department of education and department of business, economic development, and tourism to develop and implement an interactive web tool, similar to the Launch My Career web tool.” The University supports such an initiative and in fact has spent the last year and a half creating a web site that does most of what it outlined in Bill SB 621. The University of Hawaii's new website organizes all the jobs in the state of Hawaii into sector grouping. Each job in the state has its own landing page and these landing pages detail current demand, projected demand, salary ranges, degree levels actually hired by industry, skill sets required by industry, and a listing of companies that are hiring. In addition, the web site shows how DOE pathways lead to programs in the University of Hawai'i and then into industry. The site answers crucial questions for students such as what levels of education qualify the student for which jobs. The website can visualize the entire economy and also heat map that visualization of Hawai'i sectors and jobs. There is still much work to be done but this home grown effort seems to address many of the needs in the bill.

The University has had meetings on this site with the DOE and will continue to seek advice and collaboration from the DOE. DBEDT has been briefed on the project as well. UHCC supports the intent of this bill but feels that the current workforce tool project accomplishes much of what is asked for in this bill and deserves further focus and development.

Thanks for including this testimony in your considerations.

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Teresa Parsons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Fund direct education, not more money for HTA.

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Comments:

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