



STATE OF HAWAII
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Location: 309

Committee: House Lower & Higher
Education

House Labor & Public Employment

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 2056, SD2 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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) respectfully offers comments on SB 2056, SD2 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.

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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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Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Lower and Higher Education and
House Committee on Labor and Public Employment
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SB 2056 SD2 – RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Chairs Woodson and Johanson, Vice Chairs Hashem, Quinlan, and Eli, and members of the committees:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the intent of Senate Bill (SB) 2056 Senate Draft (SD) 2. SB 2056 SD2 directs the UH to collaborate with other agencies to further develop an interactive web tool that will enable degree-seeking individuals to make better informed decisions regarding their post-secondary education and career choices. We support efforts for students to make informed choices about the post-high school and post-college options, and UH is committed to further development of such a tool.

Many of the career planning functions identified in SB 2056 SD2 are incorporated into UH's Career Explorer website: uhcc.hawaii.edu/career_explorer. Hawai'i Career Explorer uses local and national labor data and information about job postings to inform individuals about education and career choices. Among the types of information available on the Career Explorer site include:

- By occupation, the number of jobs available, projected vacancies and forecasted growth;
- By occupation, average salary for entry-level and experienced employees;
- UH programs that prepare students for occupations; and
- Number of job postings by Hawai'i employers for the occupation in the last year.

The Career Explorer tool was developed by UH Community Colleges' (UHCC) staff and its development was supported, in part, by private foundation grants. UHCC is developing user guides for students and providing a county-based view of the labor data. Also, Career Explorer data are being incorporated into UH's STAR-GPS tool which UH students use for course planning.

UH already collaborates with the State of Hawai'i Department of Education on the tool and is open to additional stakeholder participation to identify features and uses to benefit students in making decisions about their career and education choices.

The University of Hawai'i appreciates the consideration for an appropriation to support further development and use of the Career Explorer tool, on the condition that any funds appropriated in support of this program do not supplant any portion of the University's Supplemental Budget Request.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2056, S.D. 2, RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEES ON LOWER AND HIGHER EDUCATION AND ON
LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

DATE: Friday, March 13, 2020

TIME: 2:05 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 309

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or
Lori N. Tanigawa, Deputy Attorney General

Chairs Woodson and Johanson and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to require the University of Hawai'i 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.

Article X, section 6, of the Hawai'i Constitution, gives the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents "exclusive jurisdiction over the internal structure, management, and operation of the university." Section 6 further provides: "This section shall not limit the power of the legislature to enact laws of statewide concern. The legislature shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to identify laws of statewide concern." We therefore suggest that the Legislature consider amending this bill to add a statement identifying this bill as a law of statewide concern.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.



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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOWER & HIGHER EDUCATION
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

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In consideration of
SB 2056, SD2
RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Chairs Woodson and Johanson, Vice Chairs Hashem, Quinlan and Eli and
Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) supports **SB2056, SD2**, 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.