



DEPT. COMM. NO. 21

April 8, 2002

The Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *A Study on the Licensing of Private Trade, Vocational, and Technical Schools*.

We found that the licensing and regulating of private trade, vocational, and technical schools in Hawaii should be continued. In addition, we found that the Department of Education's administration of the licensing program to be deficient and that the licensing program's administrative placement may be more appropriate in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. The report will be available at our website, www.state.hi.us/auditor, and released to the public and press on Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "marion m. higa".

Marion M. Higa
State Auditor

Enclosure

✓c: Paul Kawaguchi, Senate Clerk