
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW AND FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE TRANSFER OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATION PROGRAM FOR PRIVATE TRADE, VOCATIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, H.B. No. 2454 (2016), proposes to transfer the
2 licensing and regulation program for private trade, vocational,
3 and technical schools from the Department of Education to the
4 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Education testified during the
7 public hearings of that bill that administering the licensing
8 and regulation program for private trade, vocational, and
9 technical schools does not align with the Department of
10 Education's primary mission of focusing on K-12 public
11 education; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Education further testified that
14 given its budgetary constraints and restrictions, its
15 administration of the licensing and regulation program for
16 private trade, vocational, and technical schools has taken and
17 continues to take away valuable resources and time that should
18 be solely focused on providing direct services and support for
19 Hawaii public schools, educators, and students; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Department of Education acknowledged its
22 inability to properly administer a regulatory program that is
23 not compatible with the Department of Education's principal
24 mission; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
27 also testified in opposition to H.B. No. 2454 (2016), asserting
28 that the transfer of the licensing and regulation program for



1 private trade, vocational, and technical schools from the
2 Department of Education is unnecessary; and

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4 WHEREAS, given that private trade, vocational, and
5 technical education can be viewed as a type of post-secondary
6 education, and the University of Hawaii is the State's sole
7 provider of public higher education, it may be more appropriate
8 for the University of Hawaii to assume these responsibilities;
9 now, therefore,

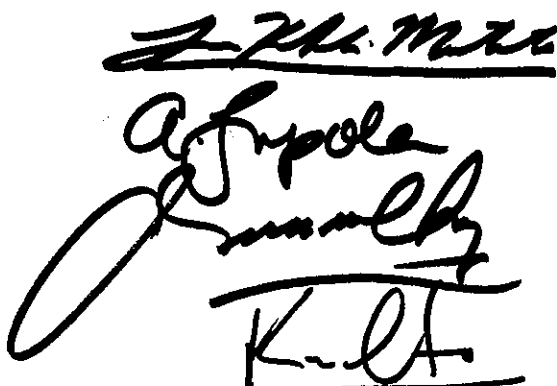


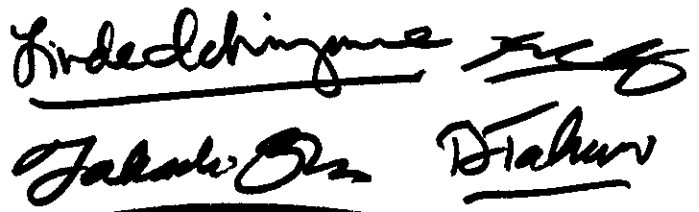
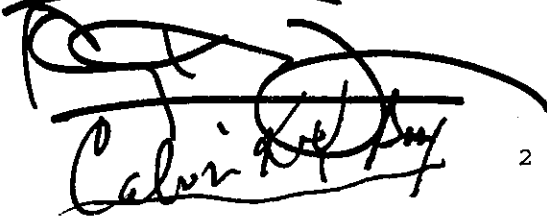
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Office of the
14 Auditor is respectfully requested to conduct a sunrise review
15 and feasibility study of transferring the licensing and
16 regulation program for private trade, vocational, and technical
17 schools from the Department of Education to the University of
18 Hawaii; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor is
21 requested to submit its findings and recommendations, including
22 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20
23 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Acting Auditor,
27 Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of
28 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University
29 of Hawaii, and President of the University of Hawaii.

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