

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2454

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2454 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSING OF PRIVATE TRADE, VOCATIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve oversight of private trade, vocational, and technical schools by transferring administration of the licensing and regulation program for these schools from the Department of Education to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

The Department of Education and Office of the Auditor supported this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Technology Institute, Travel Institute of the Pacific, Hawaii Institute of Hair Design, www.WeAreOne.cc, Maui School of Therapeutic Massage, Pacific Center for Awareness and Bodywork, Aisen Shiatsu School, Med-Assist School of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals opposed the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2454 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



