

DEPT. COMM. NO. 18

December 30, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President And Members of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

For your information and consideration, the University of Hawai'i is transmitting herewith, two (2) copies of the Report on Hawai'i Excellence through Science and Technology Academy Pilot Program (Act 111, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2007, Section 8) as requested by the Legislature.

STEM Kaua'i Initiative enhanced the collaboration activities between Kaua'i Community College and the Hawai'i Department of Education. Kaua'i Complex Area high schools: Kapaa High, Kaua'i High, and Waimea High. The Kaua'i Initiative is an excellent professional development opportunity for Kaua'i's teachers of mathematics and science to articulate and learn from each other.

During School Year 2008-2009, the partnership grew from groups of mathematics and science teachers meeting separately to dialogue and develop a relationship between the faculties of KCC and KCA to a dynamic partnership of mathematics and science teachers developing an understanding of the a) skills needed to be successful and b) developing targeted learning which met student academic needs for a related cluster of courses at the college and high school level.

Pursuant to Act 231, SLH 2001, we are also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at: http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/eaur/govrel/reports/2009/index.html.

Sincerely,

David McClain

President