

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2010

Committee: House Education
House Higher Education
House Labor & Public Employment

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent

Title: HB 2076 RELATING TO RESEARCH

Purpose: Requires the department of education, the University of Hawaii, and the department of labor and industrial relations to share data to support research that will improve educational and workforce outcomes and meet the longitudinal data requirements of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (Department) supports H.B. No. 2076 as this legislation would reduce potential obstacles of data sharing between state agencies for the intended purpose of conducting research supporting system and program improvements that meet the needs of Hawaii's public school students.

In addition, this bill affirms the state's intent to meet the four assurances required for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. One of the four ARRA assurances specifically targets the use of data for improving student performance; however, meeting all four of the

assurances is dependent on the Department's ability to access relevant data. Because ARRA requires data reporting on indicators reliant on pre-school, post-secondary, and workforce data, the Department's ability to receive data from other state agencies is critical.

The Department requests that an amendment be made to include on page 1 line 11 the requirement that other state agencies share data, by adding after the department of labor and industrial relations the following language: and any other state agency as appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony presented before the
House Committee on Education, House Committee on Higher Education,
House Committee on Labor and Public Employment
January 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.
By Linda K. Johnsrud
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HB 2076: RELATING TO RESEARCH

Chairs Takumi, Chang, Rhoads, Vice Chairs and members of the House Committees on Education, Higher Education, and Labor and Public Employment:

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify on House Bill 2076 that requires the sharing of data across state agencies to support research that improves education and workforce outcomes and meets the longitudinal data requirements of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

As one of the leading partners of Hawai'i P-20, the University of Hawai'i has been a supporter of longitudinal data system development since its inception. As part of this process and in response to ARRA requirements, in October 2009 UH President MRC Greenwood signed a Memorandum of Understanding that was also signed by the Superintendent of the Hawai'i Department of Education and the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. The purpose of the MOU was to establish a partnership to enable the sharing of data. The partners agreed to establish a data governance and access committee to determine protocols around research that would inform educational and workforce outcomes and policies.

HB 2076 establishes in statute many of the terms of the MOU, and the University of Hawai'i appreciates the intent of the bill to support interagency data sharing and governance. By mid-2010 the outcome of the state's application for ARRA funding for a longitudinal data base system would be known, and ARRA funding would make a significant difference in the state's planning and implementation. The UH therefore respectfully recommends that before statutory changes are proposed, the data governance committee established by the MOU be allowed time to meet and evaluate its resources and plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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To: Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
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Representative Jerry Chang, Chair
Representative Mark Nakashima, Vice Chair
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Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
Representative Kyle Yamashita, Vice Chair
and members of the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment

Date: January 27, 2010
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 309

From: James Hardway, Executive Director
Workforce Development Council

RE: HB 2076 - Relating to Research

The Workforce Development Council ("WDC") **strongly supports H.B. 2076** which would require the Department of Education, the University of Hawaii and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to share data to support research that will improve the education and workforce outcomes and meet the longitudinal data requirements of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA").

The WDC is a private-sector led body responsible for advising the Governor and Legislature on workforce development to support economic development and employment opportunities for all. The WDC is also the State Workforce Investment Board for purposes of the federal Workforce Investment Act ("WIA") of 1998. The WDC assists the Governor in developing and updating comprehensive five-year strategic workforce investment plans and oversees workforce (public)

investment activities in the state.

Along with the mandate that education and labor share data in order to improve workforce outcomes through ARRA, the WDC also sees the need for information sharing. This has been a vision of the WDC since before the current economic crisis and passage of the ARRA.

In the WDC's Comprehensive State Plan for Workforce Development, State of Hawaii 2009-2014, Year One, the first priority recommendation made by the members was to improve the delivery of timely education and training to prepare current and future workers for high-demand occupations.

In order to address this recommendation, the WDC noted as an action item in the comprehensive state plan the following:

“Encourage agencies that collect data useful to improving workforce development to share their data and develop a ‘common language’ across the system....Conduct a comprehensive audit of barriers to data sharing. Make Legislative and administrative recommendations to increase and encourage sharing”

The comprehensive audit was fulfilled last year as the P-20 Council held a forum with stakeholders in which many issues and barriers were identified. H.B. 2076 fulfills the first and final parts of the recommendation of linking up critical information across departments to improve workforce development goals. Furthermore, H.B. 2076 is in alignment with the WDC recommendations and priorities for the statewide workforce development infrastructure for the next five years in the area of continually developing the workforce development system in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.



House Committee on Education, House Committee on Higher Education and House Committee on
Labor and Public Employment
January 27, 2010 at 2:00 pm
by
Tammi Oyadomari-Chun
Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education

RE: HB 2076 Relating to Research

Chairs Takumi, Chang and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Berg, Nakashima, and Yamashita, and members of the House Committees on Education, Higher Education, and Labor and Public Employment:

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify on House Bill 2076 that addresses longitudinal student and workforce data. Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education supports H.B. 2076, establishing in statute the sharing of data across state agencies to support research that will improve educational and workforce outcomes for the State and will meet the longitudinal data requirements of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Hawai'i P-20 is a statewide partnership of the Good Beginnings Alliance, Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i to improve educational outcomes for Hawai'i. Promoting data-based decision making is a high priority for Hawai'i P-20. Hawai'i P-20 serves as the convener for the partnership of Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE), University of Hawai'i System (UH), Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), and Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to develop a P20 statewide longitudinal data system (P20 LDS) to track individuals' participation, progress and performance from early childhood education to the workforce.

In fall 2009, Hawai'i P-20 coordinated the state's application for the U.S. Department of Education's Statewide Longitudinal Data System grant competition to support the development of an infrastructure to collect, analyze and report data about programs and outcomes across the educational pipeline from early childhood education through the workforce. The HIDOE submitted the grant application for a three-year, \$11.8 M award in December 2009, and the U.S. Department of Education indicated that it will notify states of the results in April.

The planned P20 LDS focuses on using *inter-agency* individual-level data throughout the educational pipeline from early childhood education to the workforce to:

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- Make data transparent, accessible in secure environments and action-able for multiple stakeholders;
- Evaluate the impact of programs, policies, interventions and resource allocations on educational attainment and workforce development;
- Inform decision-making for governance, management, resource allocation, student choices, curriculum and instruction;
- Improve quality and efficiency of data analyses and reporting.

The P20 LDS plans extend the state's capacity for the K-12 longitudinal data system being developed through the state investments and a U.S. Department of Education SLDS grant award of \$3.47 M (2009-2012) to HIDOE. Together with the enhanced functionality of the DOE's K-12 SLDS, the P20 LDS will meet ARRA assurances for use of student data, develop or significantly advance data system capabilities, and complete the requirements of the America COMPETES Act.

The lead agencies partnering in this effort—HIDOE, UH and DLIR—executed an inter-agency data sharing Memorandum of Agreement on October 13, 2009. The MOA establishes a data sharing agreement and establishes a process for governing access to the data including development of a research agenda. H.B. 2076 puts much of this MOA into statute which gives the agreement more force and longevity beyond the discretion of current signatories of the MOA.

In the bill, we would like to respectfully suggest several changes:

1. Wherever state agencies are identified (currently HIDOE, UH and DLIR), please add “and other agencies as appropriate to address needs identified in the research agenda or as directed by federal guidance.” This change will allow more latitude to include other agencies, such as Department of Human Services, in the P20 LDS.
2. A revision to the description of data sharing in §302A(a): “The data to be shared shall be determined jointly by the Department of Education, the University of Hawai‘i, and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, AND SHALL BE SHARED no less than annually.”
3. A revision to the purpose of the data governance and access committee §302A(c): “PRIORITIZE analyses and research questions that will provide information to improve educational and workforce outcomes and policies....”
4. Add §302A(d): “All state agency directors shall consider participation and data sharing for a statewide longitudinal data system, since the data system serves an important public purpose.”

We would like to note that \$11.8 M of federal funds has been requested to support development of the P20 LDS. However, if the partnership is not awarded, either the federal State Longitudinal Data System award or the ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Funds, then no funds will be available to advance the P20 LDS or the commitments of this bill. HIDOE, UH, DLIR, DBEDT and Hawai‘i P-20 will continue to work, in good faith and in response to SCR 146 (2009), to advance the P20 LDS and longitudinal data system goals, but progress will be limited by lack of dedicated resources.

Hawai‘i P-20 supports the overall intent of this bill on condition that any funds, if provided, do not affect the budget priorities approved by the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents or by the State Board of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.