STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1432

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 1 1 2013

RE: S.C.R. No. 119 S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 119, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE POTENTIAL REGULATION OF UNACCREDITED DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a sunrise review of the regulation of unaccredited degree granting institutions, as proposed under H.B. No. 1200, H.D. 2 (2013), including an assessment of the current and alternative forms of regulation.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Office of Consumer Protection.

Your Committee finds that many employers require a degree from an accredited educational institution as a condition of employment. Furthermore, the United States Department of Education relies upon an institution's accreditation from a recognized accrediting agency to determine eligibility for certain federal funds. Nonetheless, Hawaii is one of a small number of states that does not license, approve, or prohibit unaccredited degree granting institutions. This measure requests an evaluation of proposed regulation in this area.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your

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Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 119, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DAVID Y TGE. Chair

The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 119, SD 1	Committee Referral: HETICPN, WAM			Date: 4-5-13	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)					,
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)		V			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		V			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		V			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		V			
ESPERO, Will		V			
KAHELE, Gilbert					
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	<u> </u>	V			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.					v
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		V			
THIELEN, Laura H.					
TOKUDA, Jill N.					
SLOM, Sam		ν			
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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