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**PRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
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**TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

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**MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015
2:00 P.M.**

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 987, SD1, HD1
RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY,
AND TO THE HONORABLE JUSTIN H. WOODSON, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 987, SD1, HD1, Relating To Post-Secondary Education. My name is Bobbi Lum-Mew, Program Administrator for the Department's Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Program ("HPEAP"). HPEAP offers the following testimony in strong support of this bill.

Senate Bill No. 987, SD1, HD1 adds a new section to the Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Law to clarify that institutions may request an administrative hearing pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), within fifteen days of

the receipt of a notification of denial or of intent to suspend or terminate any authorization.

This bill would clarify that institutions under HPEAP oversight may request an administrative hearing for review pursuant to HRS Chapter 91 for a broader set of actions than those limited to probation (e.g., notice of denial, intent to suspend, or termination of authorization).

The Department also notes that Senate Bill No. 987, SD1, HD1 is very similar to House Bill No. 848 that was heard by this Committee on February 25, 2015 and passed unamended. Thus, the Department respectfully requests the Committee's favorable consideration of this measure as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Senate Bill No. 987, SD1, HD1.