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**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 987  
RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**TO THE HONORABLE GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR,  
AND TO THE HONORABLE MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, 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, 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 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.

Currently, HRS Section 305J-12(c) provides that a post-secondary educational institution may request an administrative hearing for review pursuant to HRS Chapter 91 if the institution was placed on probation. The remainder of Chapter 305J, however, is silent as to the administrative remedies available to an institution when that institution receives notice of denial, intent to suspend, or termination of authorization. Thus, this bill would clarify that institutions may request an administrative hearing for review pursuant to HRS Chapter 91 for these types of actions as well.

In sum, this bill will enable HPEAP to carry out its responsibilities more effectively.

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

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