

SCR46

Measure Title:

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM STRUCTURES FOR THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE TRADE, VOCATIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

Report Title:

Private Trade, Vocational, and Technical Schools; Licensing; Department of Education; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: EDU, CPN

Introducer(s): BAKER, CHUN OAKLAND, KIDANI, TOKUDA, Green, Kouchi, Nishihara, Taniguchi

| <u>Sort by Date</u> | | Status Text |
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| 3/5/2015 | S | Offered. |
| 3/5/2015 | S | Referred to EDU, CPN. |
| 3/13/2015 | S | The committee(s) on EDU has scheduled a public hearing on 03-18-15 1:30PM in conference room 229. |



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Date: 03/18/2015

Time: 01:30 PM

Location: 229

Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 046 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM STRUCTURES FOR THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE TRADE, VOCATIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

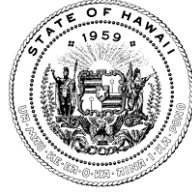
**Purpose of
Resolution:**

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) strongly supports the intent of SCR 46. However, we respectfully ask for this Committee to consider the comprehensive language offered in SCR 178 which also includes reference to a previous auditor's report, session law, and specifically addresses each department's primary roles and responsibilities.

Notably, SCR 178 requests the establishment of a joint working group co-led by the Department of Education and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to collaboratively partner to address this measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 46.



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**PRESENTATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015
Wednesday, March 18, 2015
1:30 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46 AND SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM STRUCTURES FOR THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE TRADE, VOCATIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

TO THE HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“DCCA”). The DCCA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46 and Senate Resolution No. 20 (together referred to as “Resolutions”).

The Resolutions request that Hawaii’s Department of Education (“DOE”) and the DCCA work in collaboration along with existing licensed private trade, vocational, and technical schools in the State (“PTVT Schools”) to review the current licensing program for PTVT Schools administered by the DOE under Act 89, Session Laws of Hawaii

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1996, as amended. These Resolutions also request the DOE and the DCCA to consider alternative options for PTVT School licensing that may be in the best interest of both PTVT Schools and their students alike, and to report on the departments' findings ahead of the 2016 legislative session.

The DCCA recognizes the Legislature's desire to review the existing PTVT School licensing program and to consider alternative methods or models for licensing these institutions. As such, the DCCA supports the review requested in these Resolutions and looks forward to working with both the DOE and the PTVT Schools to consider alternative approaches to licensing that may best serve the needs of the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of the Resolutions. I will be happy to answer any questions the members of the Committee may have.