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**Committee:** Senate Ways and Means

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** HCR 103 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO REINTRODUCE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

**Purpose of  
Resolution:**

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of HCR 103.

For this Committee's information, the Department has an established Career and Technical program in building and construction which provides training for students in the appropriate and safe use of tools related to the field of construction. These programs allow for students to participate in a work-based learning program that may include live repair and maintenance projects on a school site.

With regards to potential liability and licensing issues, student projects should be limited to non-emergency repairs and projects that do not require electrical or plumbing licenses. Additional personnel for program coordination, direct instruction, and supervision of students are essential and critical elements for a successful work-based learning program.

The Department is open to meeting with the introducers of this measure to establish a task force to convene during the 2016-17 school year that could, amongst other things, review existing career and technical education programs, identify programmatic requirements necessary to create a student repair and maintenance program, including but not limited to academic, personnel (including any necessary licensing), operations, procurement and fiscal needs for effective program implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Comments: Adding this to schools helps students prepare for their future while encouraging to strive for success. It'll definately help lots of students prepare for whatever career they want. It is a smart idea which shoul've been implented years ago.

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