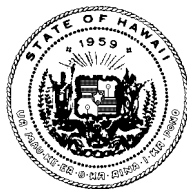


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February 21, 2024

To: The Honorable Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 2242 HD1 – RELATING TO EDUCATION.**

Hearing: Friday, February 23, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol & Video Conference

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this measure, defers to the Department of Education, and provides comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for four full-time equivalent career foundations certificate program teachers at McKinley Community School for Adults.

The Committee on Education amended the measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

The DHS Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is an integral member of the Workforce Development Council and a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partner and supports this measure to help sustain the McKinley Community School for Adults' Workforce Development Program (Act 261, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022).

The Workforce Development Program provides workforce preparation for adult education students, adults with disabilities, and high school students. This preparation includes opportunities to earn associate degrees, workforce development diplomas, and other

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certificates to ensure they develop the skills and credentials needed to make them highly employable. DHS agrees that providing funding for four full-time equivalent teachers will further the success of the program and provide a much-needed service to the individuals served, as well as to employers in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this measure.

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Date: 02/23/2024

Time: 01:00 PM

Location: 308 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2242, HD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds for four full-time equivalent career foundations certificate program teachers for McKinley Community School for Adults. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

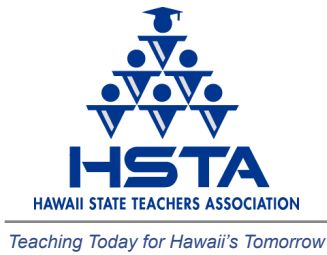
Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 2242, HD1.

The four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) career foundations certificate program teachers for the McKinley community school for adults are needed to successfully implement the purposes of the workforce readiness program established through Act 261, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

The workforce preparation program provides opportunities for high school students and adult education students to earn associate degrees, workforce development diplomas, and other certificates to ensure they develop the skills and credentials needed to make them highly employable.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2242, HD1.



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TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Item: **HB2242 HD1 - Relating to education**
Position: **Support**
Hearing: **February 23, 2024, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 308**
Submitter: **Osa Tui, Jr. – President, Hawai'i State Teachers Association**

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa and members of the committee,

The Hawai'i State Teachers Association **supports** HB2242 HD1 which appropriates funds for four full-time equivalent career foundations certificate program teachers for McKinley Community School for Adults.

Act 261 (2022) was the right first step to establish the workforce readiness program at MCSA. The job needs to be finished, now, by allowing MCSA to properly staff those positions as we work towards generating highly employable graduates who will be contributing members of society.

Part-time, temporary hires are not a recipe for success in making the workforce readiness program at MCSA bear the fruits it was designed to accomplish. By converting the positions to full time teachers, MCSA will be more likely to find committed staff who are willing to stay long-term and grow the program even more - a true benefit for those who go through the program.

The Hawai'i State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.