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To: The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair,
The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Technology

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: S.C.R. 41 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A
TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE STATE'S
CURRENT EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

The DLIR **appreciates the intent** of this measure and considering current legislative deliberations on the roles of the DLIR and the Workforce Development Council perhaps the assignment of such responsibilities may be premature at this time. The implementation of such a task force involving a comprehensive study would require additional resources as workforce development is largely federally funded.