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SB 608, SD 2 -- Relating to Funding for Interactive Searchable Web-Based Database

Chairs Chang and Sonson, Vice Chairs Bertram and Nakasone and Members of the Committees:

My name is Kathy Jaycox, and I am the Interim Executive Director of the Hawai'i P-20 Initiative. I am here to testify in regard to Senate Bill 608, SD2, which provides funding to the University of Hawai'i to design, research and develop an interactive searchable web-based database.

I fully support this bill -- it is consistent with one goal of the Hawai'i P-20 Initiative: providing access to data which can help move our state toward achievement of the P-20 vision, that "all of Hawai'i's people will be educated, caring, self-sufficient and able to contribute to their families, the economy and the common good, and will be encouraged to continue learning throughout their lives." This bill addresses both the needs of employers, who have some very specific training needs for incumbent employees, and the needs of education providers, who wish to clearly convey how the instruction they offer is cross-referenced to these workforce needs. I appreciate the fact that the bill allows for a design phase, during which input will be sought from a wide range of stakeholders. I also appreciate the fact that additional time until implementation has been added in this amended version of the bill.

As always, I also express the caution that these funds should not replace any funding priorities already established by the Board of Regents within the University's institutional budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to express support for Senate Bill 608, SD 2. Should you have any questions, I shall be happy to address them.