



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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SB 516 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and members of the Committee:

As the State Director for Career and Technical Education (CTE) which falls under the University of Hawai'i, I support SB 516 SD1 HD1.

This bill would require the State Board for CTE to oversee and annually review statewide data collection processes and reporting requirements related to the student attainment of industry-recognized credentials, and annually report to the Governor and the Legislature on its findings.

A great deal of progress has been made over the last year through cross-agency collaboration to determine which credentials Hawaii's employers value and endorse. Representatives of each of the stakeholder agencies are currently collaborating on data definitions, collection, reporting, analysis, and most importantly, the data-sharing agreements that ensure the data meets all security requirements. This is but one part of a comprehensive revamping of the indicators of student and program success, and economic impact. There is significant work still to be done to create the protocols and processes to do this with integrity – and to then implement the plan and create the report.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.