



Testimony

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Aloha,

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My name is Jaclyn Lau, I am a student at Leeward Community College in my fourth semester of the Integrated Industrial Technology associate in science degree program.

I am submitting this testimony in support of transitioning the Integrated Industrial Technology program for a provisional to established status.

I have a BA in History and relocated to the mainland to pursue career opportunities in both New York and California. When the pandemic started, I was not able to work and returned home to Hawaii.

I wanted to diversify my career skills and found the IIT degree program at Leeward CC. The program has been an amazing journey of discovery for me personally. I never really thought of a career as a technician, but I was intrigued at the prospect of learning a career skill in automation. I have come to realize that I am quite suited for this field.

Presently I am in my fourth semester and will graduate on May 12th. I have interviewed with Hitachi Rail and have a second interview next week. The knowledge and skills I gained will allow me to obtain a high wage job.

In addition to Hitachi Rail I have had employment inquiries from two other companies. The job prospects for this career field seem to be growing every day, and I'm excited for those opportunities.

Jaclyn Lau