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Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Berg, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaii supports the intent of HB2141, but believes that the bill is not needed at this time. The University of Hawaii at Mānoa is working with the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, the UH community colleges, and the Department of Education to develop and implement a plan for licensing more individuals with practical experience etc, for teaching in vocational technical and career pathway programs. SB 2887 will not add value to the work already being done.