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Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Hooser, and Members of the

Committee:

The University of Hawaiçi supports S.B. 1392 and will be happy to participate if the proposed task force is created.

School administrators are key to the success of our education system, and we must do all we can to ensure they are well-prepared and well-compensated for the important work they do.

We suggest that an additional charge to the task force be added in Section 2 (e) to read: "Review the viability and advisability of establishing a licensing system outside the DOE for school administrators." Today, the DOE prepares, certifies, and employs school administrators. This system creates serious conflicts of interest.