



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

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SB 887 Relating to Education

Chairs Sakamoto, Hee and Members of the Committees:

Honolulu Community College (HCC) stands in support of the intent of SB 887, Relating to Education, which establishes a five-year pilot program within the Department of Education to provide trade pre-apprenticeship programs within public schools.

As the State's primary apprenticeship trade campus, HCC stands to benefit from an apprentice student that is more knowledgeable in his/her trade prior to beginning a labor and time intensive apprenticeship program. Moreover, HCC has always advocated real world, hands-on experience as a practical means of attaining a solid foundational education. In echoing our support for the Construction Academy bills from last session, we believe a program, such as the one outlined in SB 887 could serve to: 1) build career awareness amongst high school students, 2) prepare students with the proper industry mindset, and 3) give students hands on experience in applied situations.

With respect to Page 3, Lines 8-9, we respectfully defer to the Joint Apprenticeship Training Council and the State Apprenticeship Council on matters of credit for pre-apprenticeship courses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.