



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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Chairs Sakamoto, Kokubun, Vice-Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committees:

My name is Kathy Jaycox, and I am the Interim Executive Director of the Hawai'i P-20 Initiative.

I express support for the intent of this concurrent resolution. Developing early college awareness is entirely consistent with the Hawai'i P-20 Strategic Plan for 2006-2010. In fact, one specific undertaking of the Initiative has been the creation of HI-CAN, the Hawai'i College Access Network. This network seeks to foster communication among all the various public and private entities in the state that are devoted to early college awareness -- such as GEAR UP, Upward Bound, TRIO, SEED, College Connections, Talent Search and others.

We look forward to the preparation of such a report and the possibility that it may suggest to you and your colleagues some actions which might be taken by the 2008 Legislature to further support early college awareness in Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony. I regret that I cannot be present in person at this hearing. Should you have any questions, I shall be happy to address them subsequent to this hearing. In addition, you may wish to call upon Kelly Ching or any other representative of the GEAR UP Program to provide you with additional details about HI-CAN.