



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 192 REQUESTING KAUA'I COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO WORK WITH THE KAUA'I POLICE DEPARTMENT TO EXPLORE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Chairs Sakamoto, Inouye, Vice Chairs Tokuda, Tsutsui, and Members of the
Committees:

Kaua'i Community College is currently informally exploring ways in which to support the workforce needs of the Kaua'i Police Department as well as closely associated needs of other social service agencies, which assist in situations involving a complexity of social issues, included but not limited to, domestic abuse, elder abuse, child welfare, substance abuse, and school safety. We have already scheduled Fall, 2008 assigned time for a faculty member, who has been in discussion with KPD Chief Perry on this issue.

Kaua'i Community College and the Police Department would focus on the recruitment and retention of those candidates who reside on Kaua'i. The college would develop curriculum appropriate for the Kaua'i Police Department and other social service agencies, which would lead to an appropriate degree.

We are in accord with the objective of supporting candidates seeking to enter the honorable career of law enforcement on Kaua'i. In addition, as a University Center, Kaua'i Community College has both the experience and the resources to call upon our sister campuses, which already offer an associates degree program in Criminal Justice. Such partnering across campuses could speed the delivery process and help keep training affordable. Asynchronous delivery methods might also be useful in making class schedules meet the work schedules of students.

Kaua'i Community College intends to continue its current work with the Kaua'i Police Department and welcomes the interest and support of the Senate.