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SCR 103 REQUESTING A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A
VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION LEARNING CENTER AT
HONOLULU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

I am here today to support SCR 103 that requests a feasibility study for the creation of a vocational/technical education learning center at Honolulu Community College (HCC). As pointed out in the resolution, HCC has a number of unique programs that could provide young people the opportunity to qualify for jobs that provide excellent careers and also pay above average wages. It is also important to note that the greatest percentage of its current workforce aged 55 or older qualified for their jobs by completing a career/technical degree from HCC. Therefore, we feel that this will more likely provide employment opportunities when the economy recovers.

There are a few minor editorial changes in the description of the programs at HCC that I would be happy to consult with the committees' staff to modify.