

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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S.C.R. NO. 96 – COMMENDING THE JUMP START TASK FORCE ON THE CREATION OF THE JUMP START PROGRAM, ENCOURAGING EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM TO SCHOOLS ON THE ISLANDS OF MAUI AND HAWAII, AND REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM.

Chair Tokuda, Chair Taniguchi, and members of the committee:

Honolulu Community College (HCC) stands in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 96, which commends the Jump Start task force. HCC as well as our sister campus, Kapiolani Community College, have worked diligently with our high school partners in the DOE to make this program a success. Kaimuki, McKinley, Roosevelt, and Farrington High Schools have given of their time and resources to establish a framework of success for the Jump Start Program.

The Jump Start program allows high school seniors who are interested in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at one of the community colleges (CC) now have the opportunity to attend the CC full time while still enrolled in their home high school. These students are supported on the CC campus by counseling staff at both the community college and their home school.

We ask for your support in passing this measure.