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Committee: House Education
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Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0327 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Purpose of Bill: Directs the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Continuing Education and Community Service to establish a three-year pilot project that implements a comprehensive assessment program for certain students in grades seven, eight, and nine. Requires a study on current programs used to enhance educational delivery. Appropriation. Effective July 1, 2013.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) does not support HB 327. At this time, the Department is unable to gauge the impact and implications of the proposed study and pilot project on student instructional time and staff resources. The Department has established comprehensive assessments for students and is focused on achieving the education transformation initiatives in its Strategic Plan.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
and the
House Committee on Education
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HB327 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chairs Choy and Takumi, Vice Chairs Ichiyama and Ohno and Members of the Committees:

We support the intent of HB327 which would establish a three-year pilot project that 1) implements a comprehensive, empirically-based assessment program for certain students in grades seven, eight, and nine and 2) undertakes a study of existing programs used in the public school system to enhance educational delivery to determine their effectiveness.

One of the University of Hawai'i system strategic outcomes and performance measures is to improve Hawai'i's educational capital by increasing the going rates of public and private high schools to UH system campuses. Meanwhile, one of the goals of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo strategic plan is to strengthen UH Hilo's impact on the community, island and state of Hawai'i through responsive higher education, community partnerships and knowledge and technology transfer. The UH Hilo College of Continuing Education and Community Service is already engaged with a partners in the community and within the field of education on issues relating to outreach and college preparedness as a way of assisting students in their transition to post-secondary education.

This bill would enable the UH Hilo College of Continuing Education and Community Service to partner with our College of Arts and Sciences, which includes the School of Education, to plan and implement the three-year pilot project in collaboration with and feedback from the Department of Education.

To this end, we support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Board of Regents approved budget.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to testify on HB327. Mahalo.