<u>Designation as a Local Area under the Workforce Innovation</u> <u>and Opportunity Act (WIOA)—Request for Comments</u>

As designated local areas under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 during the 2-year period preceding enactment of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the City and County of Honolulu, County of Hawaii, County of Maui, and County of Kauai have requested initial designation as local areas pursuant to WIOA Section 106(b)(1) and (2). These counties have been confirmed to have sustained fiscal integrity and performed successfully or are operating under an approved performance improvement plan.

In addition, the counties are consistent with labor market and regional economic development areas in the State and have the Federal and non-Federal resources necessary to effectively administer applicable provisions of WIOA, including the appropriate education and training providers.

The State is proposing to approve the request from each County for designation as a local area under WIOA. Federal funds for WIOA will be allocated by the State to the grant recipient for each local area to plan and implement various employment and training services.

Public comment on these requests may be submitted to Linda.Y.Sakamoto@hawaii.gov through August 24, 2015.