

PARTICIPATING CREDIT UNIONS—continued

Kauai County—Continued

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Mrs. MINK. I have taken a deep and personal interest in this whole matter of trying to make available to students greater opportunities to go to college, recognizing that so many of the students in the middle-income range were not able to qualify for the national defense education loans.

So, one of the office functions that I assumed was to make available this loan information to seniors graduating from our public high schools. This fact sheet, together with the list of participating institutions and credit unions, was circulated last year and this year to some 15,000 graduating seniors.

We have had a tremendous response in our State, so much so, that all the funds that had been allocated to the program have now been completely utilized. So we are faced with the dilemma of not being able to move ahead with this program.

So, my interest in appearing before this committee is to underscore not only the necessity of improving the program by having other institutions in other States participate, but also to ask you to consider the fact that what we need also is additional seed money from the Federal Government to continue this program.

In the first year's authorization, which, as I understand it, was to last for a 3-year period, there was only \$17½ million allocated to this program, out of which the State of Hawaii received in round figures about \$80,000. The State already had a program of about \$25,000. So, combined, we have had about a million dollars worth of loans for this past school year beginning September 1966, and ending this summer.

My last information from the State was that we had some 250 applications awaiting approval. Representatives from the Office of Education have gone to Hawaii to see what could be done to meet this situation. I am most interested that the committee consider the possibility of increasing the Federal participation with respect to seed money, so that we can have a fuller program in States like mine. And I am sure there must be others that have already reached, in 1 school year, what was intended to last for 3 years.

I will be pleased to answer any questions at this point. I support the administration's bill and all efforts to improve it and expand it, and come to this committee only to inform it that Hawaii is very anxious to have further participation so that our students will have the fullest opportunity to secure a higher education. Many of them desire, for various reasons, to secure their education on the mainland, which is a very expensive undertaking. I am most anxious that these loans continue to be approved.