To Pamela Murphy, California University of Pennsylvania:

Thank you for your inquiry. Information on the Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Program (HPEAP) can be found on our website at cca.hawaii.gov/hpeap. The site includes a copy of the law as well as a description of the exemptions (including schools that offer courses exclusively through online and distance education). At this time, the law only applies to accredited institutions with a physical presence in the state which issue degrees in the state. Although we do not certify exempt institutions, we appreciate you contacting us.

Aloha,
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Dear Ms. Lum-Mew:

California University of Pennsylvania (Cal U) is currently in the process of determining whether it is required to apply for authorization in the State of Hawaii in order to continue to offer its Global Online programs.

Cal U is a public, state-owned university located in Southwestern Pennsylvania. It is one of 14 member universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). Cal U serves more than 8,600 undergraduate and graduate students. Cal U is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and more than 80% of our academic programs are accredited by national agencies. Our longest-standing program-based accreditation dates to 1954, when our teacher education program was accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Cal U has been offering distance education programs since the 1990s, using a variety of technologies. The University’s online programs are known as Global Online. Global Online courses are taught by University faculty, who are scholars in their disciplines and dedicated to providing quality instruction. The courses are challenging, featuring the same objectives, content, and learning outcomes as courses taught on our main campus. Instruction for our Global Online programs, as well as any communication
between faculty and students, takes place exclusively online.

Cal U does not maintain any office, physical facility, mailing address, or telephone number in Hawaii, nor does it recruit students through targeted in-state advertising. In Summer 2014, approximately 11 full- or part-time Hawaii students were enrolled in our Global Online programs.

Please note that courses in Global Online programs are delivered completely online, but several of our programs have on-ground components such as internships, practica, or clinicals.

In reviewing the SHEEO survey for Hawaii, it appears that Cal U is exempt from state authorization. Can you please confirm this?

If you have any questions or need further information, please let me know.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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